

Attenborough Class Newsletter

Spring 2 - 2024

Welcome back to school!!! I hope you had a great half term. Our new topic for this half term is 'A Journey of Discovery' with a strong Geography focus learning about the sailing route of Columbus.

Topic - Science

In Science we will be continuing their learning regarding fair testing and how to plan experiments. They will be describing how changes of state can be reversible or not. They will be making predictions and drawing conclusions, based on evidence.

Topic – Geography – North America

The children will learn about the United States of America and understand which countries are in South America. They will learn about the physical and human characteristics of places around the world and be able to compare the similarities and differences.

Design Technology

The children will be designing their own product, choosing their own materials and tools to make it. There will be a real focus on the designing stage this half term, with the children researching different ideas and trialling different parts along the way to help them make a final design choice.

Maths

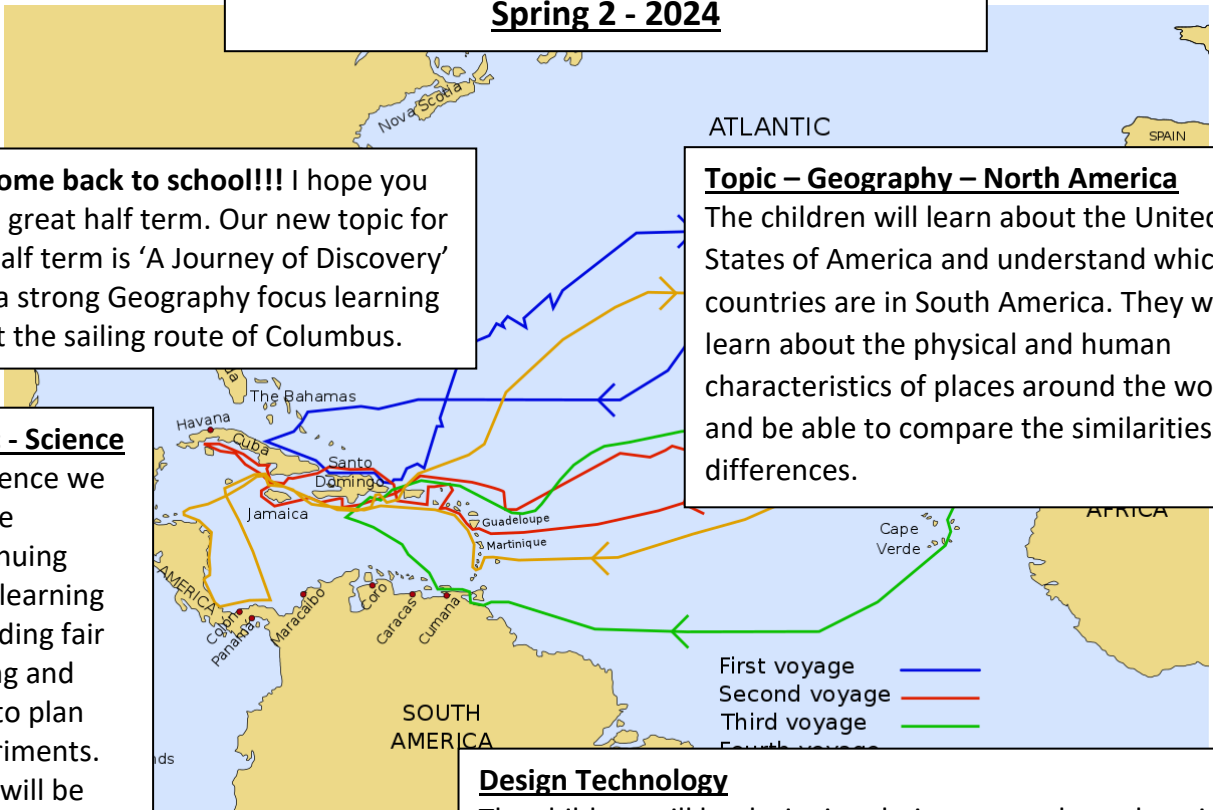
This half term the children will begin learning more about the equivalence between fractions, decimals and percentages and then move this on to applying all their hard work with place value and calculation into other contexts such as Geometry, Measure and Statistics. This half term the last of the curriculum will be taught and then the revision of it all started for the Year 6 as we approach the Easter holidays, ready for SATs. Any questions regarding this please come and speak to me.

French


We will be starting our learning how to use a bilingual dictionary to check meanings or words and phrases. Then we will be identifying nouns and adjectives within a text.

Computing

We will become bloggers, learning how to create our own blogs this half term using the software 'Wordpress'.



Christopher Columbus



PE and Games

Games will be on a Wednesday morning with Mr Holmes our sports coach and PE will be gymnastics on a Tuesday. In gymnastics the children will be creating their own routines where they are using balances and travel. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week as sometimes there may be a timetabling change or we may have the opportunity to have an extra session. Tracksuit bottoms may be worn outside during the colder weather. Please remind your child to take their kit home at the weekend to be washed. Long hair needs to be tied back and no jewellery (including earrings unless covered) is allowed to be worn during PE and Games sessions.



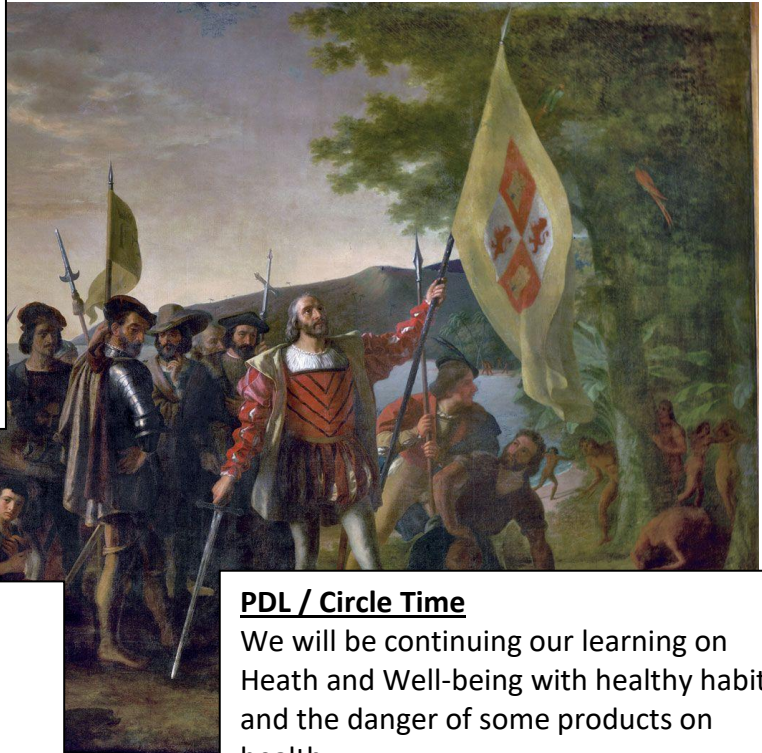
Home Learning

Home learning tasks will be set online on a Wednesday (starting on the second week back) and should be handed in by the following Monday. Reading to your child as well as listening to them read is important to help your child progress, no matter how confident they are. We expect children to be reading at home at least 3 days a week. Please fill in their reading journals so they can be rewarded for reading at home.

Year 6 homework will be CGP books to help them prepare for their SATs at the end of the year.

Music

We will be continuing our learning from Hampshire Music Service on the clarinet. The children will be learning how to play pieces of music in unison.



PDL / Circle Time

We will be continuing our learning on Heath and Well-being with healthy habits and the danger of some products on health.



English

In our English we will be looking at a number of different genres of writing, includingWe will also be learning spelling rules every day which will link with the spellings set for homework and will be continually revisited in our grammar sessions (when relevant) as well as handwriting sessions. Grammar will be taught within English lessons as well as in separate sessions as morning activities and afternoon sessions.

We will be basing our English learning around a short video called 'Lego City'. The children will be working towards writing a non-chronological report based on the creation of Lego. The children will be exploring the video first, followed by understanding how they can use relative clauses to add in extra information, as well as developing their use of punctuation. They will then use this understanding to help them write a non-chronological report of how Christopher Columbus discovered America.