


## Year 4 Spring Term 2b

## Topics: Eldorado

<p><b><u>Literacy</u></b>  <b>Reading:</b> Reading is a major focus this year and the children will have many opportunities to improve their fluency and their understanding. They will be taught the skills to help them answer questions in reading comprehension activities.  <b>Grammar:</b> The children will have a weekly grammar lesson where they will learn about different kinds of words and how to use punctuation accurately.  <b>Spelling:</b> The children will be taught some spelling rules and will be expected to learn the correct spelling of many words which may not follow these rules.</p> <p><b>Writing:</b> Using the context of film production the children will be taught to put together playscripts which they will use to act in and record as a film. They will spend time planning, drafting and refining their writing. They will also write creatively involving such themes as the slave trade, Columbus and his voyages of discovery and about the Amazon rainforest using Alan Peate sentences in particular. Much of their reading will be about the context and location of the story of Eldorado.</p>	<p><b><u>Maths</u></b>  <b>Numeracy:</b> The children will be taught a range of mental and written strategies to develop their skills. They will refine their pencil and paper methods for addition and subtraction and also develop effective methods for multiplication and division. They will be made aware of the inverse rules for these also. Further experiences with fractions, decimals and percentages will consolidate last half term's work.  <b>Shape, space, measures and data handling:</b> The focus this half term is plotting co-ordinates and translating shapes on 2d grids. They will develop their understanding of line-graphs and use these to interpret data.</p>	<p><b><u>History/Geography</u></b>  The children, throughout their Eldorado topic work, will further their understanding of the country of Colombia and the surrounding countries and water masses. They will learn of the climate and land features and get a taste of the culture that exists there today. They will also glean some understanding of the slave trade which existed in this region of the world.</p>	
	<p><b><u>IT</u></b>  Using the programs, I Movie and other digital editing programs the children will learn to record, edit and save film footage. They will have practice using school 360 passwords and become proficient logging on to devices securely. They will work with Movie maker to help create and present a final piece for our film premiere. They will develop skills using Clicker to edit and proof the text they type.</p> 	<p><b><u>Music</u></b>  We will learn some drumming with Steve from the Peripatetic music service using djembe drums. We will be involved with choosing music and sound effects to match our movie and will learn a few songs which we intend to lip-sync to.</p>	<p><b><u>Science</u></b>  The children will learn about the basic functions of the digestive system in humans. They will identify different types of teeth and how to care for them. They will be able to use simple science words correctly and draw and annotate diagrams</p>
		<p><b><u>PSHE/Philosophy and Thinking Skills</u></b>  Through the stimuli of images and simple stories, the children will learn to ask thought provoking questions and to offer and reflect upon different opinions.</p>	<p><b><u>RE</u></b>  The story of Easter in the Christian faith. Easter week and the build up to this celebration. Lent and Holy week. Looking at the story through the eyes of the many characters involved eg the donkey, Jesus, Pilate</p>
		<p><b><u>Mfl</u></b>  Games and activities in Italian.</p>	<p><b><u>PE</u></b>  Swimming (Wednesday pm)  Dance and Games ( Thursday pm)</p>
		<p><b><u>Art</u></b>  The children will discuss abstract works of art by artists such as Kandinsky and produce work inspired by this.</p>	<p><b><u>Homework</u></b>  <b><i>Children will have homework set on a Monday and books must be back in school on Friday. Please read with and/or discuss your child's reading most nights.</i></b></p>