


Year 4 Term 2a (2015-16)

Eldorado: Overview

<p><u>Literacy</u> Using the context of film production the children will be taught to write about characters in narrative form and revise the conventions of letter and diary writing. They will work together in production teams and write, produce and star in their own film! They will spend time planning, drafting and refining their writing. Much of their reading will be about the context and location of the story of Eldorado. Phonics, reading, spelling, grammar and handwriting are ongoing.</p>		<p><u>Numeracy</u> The children will be taught a range of mental and written strategies to develop their skills with a focus on multiplication and division and particularly fractions. They will refine their pencil and paper methods for addition and subtraction too. Where relevant, cross-curricular links will be made and skills developed in context.</p>	<p><u>Geography: South America</u> The children will locate South America on maps and globes and learn about the key features. They will study the Amazon rainforest and learn about the plants and animals found there. <u>History: Explorers and seafaring folk:</u> The children will become familiar with the stories of Christopher Columbus and Sir Francis Drake. They will learn about the history of Pirates.</p>
<p><u>Art</u> The children will refine their colour mixing skills. They will look at Rousseau's rainforest paintings and replicate a detail from one of these using careful observational skills.</p>	<p><u>RE</u> Judaism: awareness raising about this faith. The children will learn about the beliefs and the rituals.</p>	<p><u>PSHE/Philosophy/Thinking skills: Relationships</u> Through discussions, games and activities the children will become more aware of others' feelings and how their own actions impact on others. They will continue to learn to work together towards shared goals.</p>	<p><u>Science</u> The children will continue to develop their scientific understanding through learning about different science models. They will learn about the animals that live in the Amazon rainforest and investigate how they adapt to their environment and habitat. They will sort and classify animals and construct simple tables and bar-charts.</p>
<p><u>Music</u> The children will learn to play the pocket trumpet and perform for an audience.</p> 	<p><u>PE</u> Swimming will take place on Wednesday afternoons. PE: Gymnastics on Tuesday afternoon.</p>		
	<p><u>IT</u> As part of the film process the children will be word processing, editing and using imovie on the ipads. They will learn some basic coding techniques. They will use the internet to research the topic.</p>	<p><u>French</u> The children will become familiar with some French words and phrases through games and activities. They will listen to some traditional stories told in French.</p>	<p><u>Homework</u> <i>Homework to support classroom work will be handed out each Monday and must be back in school on Friday.</i></p>