



YEAR 3/4 WHITEBEAM CLASS

AUTUMN 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

This half term our curriculum theme is **North America**.



Our enquiry question is:
Where is North America and what is it like?



ENGLISH - WRITING

In writing lessons the children will be learning how to write an additional chapter to The Firework-Maker's Daughter.

We will then be writing an information text about North America.



ENGLISH - READING

During this half term, the children will read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts including the Firework-Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman and Matilda by Roald Dahl along with Read, Write, Inc books.



MATHEMATICS

Working within their year group level, the children will be working upon units involving understanding of place value and estimating positions of numbers on a numberline followed by addition and subtraction and using this knowledge to solve problems.



GEOGRAPHY

In geography, the children will learn where North America is and what it is like. This will include knowledge of the geographical, physical and human features of this continent with a focus on Mexico.

SCIENCE

The children will be comparing and grouping materials according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases and will observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled. They will carry out investigations and will learn about the water cycle.



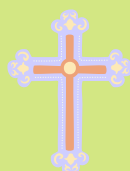
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

The focus this half term is sculpture and the children will learn about the Swiss artist Alberto Giacometti. They will explore with wire and clay and create figures using these mediums.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our enquiry question this half term is 'where do religious beliefs come from and this has a Christianity focus.



COMPUTING

The children will be learning about computing systems and networks.



FRENCH

The children will be learning how to greet others in French, count to 10 and learn the names of a range of colours.

PSHE

Our unit this half term is 'being me in my world.'



Music

The children will be continue to appraise different genres of music and they will develop their skills in performance and composition.



Instruments: djembe drums then recorders