

# Arriba! Arriba!

## Year 3 Autumn Term

### Theme

#### Arriba! Arriba!

Our overarching theme for this term is 'Arriba! Arriba!' with a focus on the geographical features of Central and South America. We will be studying various aspects of the Amazon Rainforest, including wildlife, rivers and mountains that feature in this part of the world. We will make comparisons between the countries that form the continent of South America, placing emphasis on the similarities and differences between these countries and those within the United Kingdom. As we investigate Central America, we will look at some of the customs and traditions of the people living, and have lived previously, in this region, as well as how different cultures are celebrated and recognised.

### English

In all teaching and learning, there will be a focus on accurate spelling, grammar, neat presentation, cursive handwriting and the acquisition of new vocabulary. During both reading and writing lessons this term, we will be using a number of high-quality texts to help develop children's understanding of the craft of an author, and give them the chance to show off their writing skills through a range of outcomes for different audiences

### PSHE

This term we will be focusing on the following themes:

- Setting expectations of our own behaviour within school
- Families and friendships
- Safe relationships

### Music

Children will be using a range of percussion instruments to accompany Rhythm and Blues music with Mr Crane.

### D&T

Children will be designing and making their own headdresses.

### Values

Environmental Awareness, Knowledge of the World and Cultural Awareness  
Social, moral, spiritual and cultural values are embedded throughout our curriculum.

### Mathematics

Over the course of the autumn term, the children will be developing their understanding of the following areas:

- Place value within 1000—representing numbers in different ways, partitioning, ordering numbers on number lines, estimating and comparing numbers
- Addition and subtraction—mental and written strategies, including adding and subtracting across 10 and 100 and inverse operations
- Multiplication and division—using 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables to multiply, divide and solve problems

### Science – Plants

During this topic, children will use their scientific enquiry skills to...

- Identify the different parts of a plant and the flower
- Understand the role of different parts of a flower
- Understand the impact of growing conditions and compare different plants
- Explain the life cycle of a flowering plant

### Meet the Year 3 Team

3J Class Teacher: Miss James

3H Class Teacher: Mr Hawkins

Year 3 teacher: Mr Clarkson

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Cooke, Miss Head and Miss Meese

### Useful websites

TT Rockstars: [www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com)

EdShed: [www.edshed.com](http://www.edshed.com)

Parentpay: [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

School website: [www.oakmeadowschool.uk](http://www.oakmeadowschool.uk)

### P.E

P.E lessons will take place on a Wednesday (indoor, with Mr Benton) and Friday (outdoor). On PE days, children should wear their PE kits to school.

This term, children will be focusing on the following areas:

Indoor: the fundamentals of PE, followed by gymnastics  
Outdoor: Athletics, followed by basketball

### Art

Children will be exploring how to create the spectrum of colours shown within the colour wheel, as well as creating pieces of art based around the work of Frida Kahlo

### Home Learning

Any homework will be set each Friday with the expectation that it is returned by the following Friday. Longer projects may be set over half term breaks. Paper copies of spellings will be sent home each Friday and will be tested in school the following Friday.

Times tables will also be assessed regularly—please ensure your child practises these on Times Tables Rockstars

We will be encouraging our children to read as regularly as possible with an adult at home, with an initial target of three times a week, recording this in their reading diaries. Your support in developing our children's reading ability will be absolutely invaluable, and much appreciated.

### Computing and e-safety

Children will understand how to stay safe when using the internet by learning about online bullying and safe searching. In their Computing lessons, they will be working to create their own media

### French

Children will learn different greetings and how to introduce themselves.

### R.E.

Children will identify Christian beliefs about God and express their own views, as well as learning about what it is like to be a Hindu