

Sowerby Community Primary School
Home - School Partnership

CLASS: AM AS HM

DATE Spring Half Term 1 2017

OUR TOPIC IS... North America

We will learn about the different countries and states in North America, using a variety of maps, atlas and brochures to describe their position. We will explore the difference between human and physical geography and understand longitude and latitude.

IN ENGLISH I WILL BE covering the national curriculum, in particular looking at fantasy fiction writing. We will also look at non-chronological reports about North America. We will develop spelling, grammar and punctuation in accordance with the national curriculum.

IN SCIENCE I WILL BE learning about Earth and Space

Describing the movement of the moon, Earth and other planets relative to the sun; night and day.

Materials

Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets

IN MATHS I WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT

addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be developing the children's skills in these areas both mentally (on a daily basis) and in written form using whole numbers and decimals and helping them to apply their skills to reasoning and problem solving activities. We will also be working specifically on the area of fractions, decimals and percentages. Maths will also include a focus on the children learning their times tables/number bonds which we hope they will practise and reinforce at home.

YOU CAN HELP ME BY...

1. Talking with your child.
2. Listening with genuine interest.
3. Asking them questions (but not just the ones you already know the answer to). Show you are also willing to learn.
4. Knowing what your children are interested in- it might be different from what you expect.
5. Working together to develop their love of learning. Stimulating and engaging them. Supporting them in new things.

DO	DON'T
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know what they are learning about and how they are learning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on telling them what it was like when you did it at school
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to them read every day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multitask as you listen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask them questions - Who? What? Where? When? Why? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show off everything you know so that they feel their work is 'not as good as' or 'not as important as' yours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give them varied out of school experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make it all about expensive activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show them they can achieve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ignore things they can't do

THE DAYS I NEED TO REMEMBER ARE...

Monday -
Tuesday - Games AS
Wednesday- Games HM
Thursday -
Friday - Games AM

Dates this half term:

17th January - FOSS meeting 7pm
18th January - Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics
20th January - Y2 cake stall
25th January - Music 4 Life day
30th January - Open the Book assembly
1st February - Y6 SATs meeting for parents 6pm
6th February - Open the Book assembly
16th February - disco
17th February - Class Opal and Emerald cake stall
17th February - school closes for half term
27th February - school reopens