

# Class 6

## Newsletter Jan 2017

Happy New Year - we hope you all had a great Christmas. The children have settled back into the school routine, so well done to them!

### South America v UK

This term, we are focussing our project work on comparing South America versus the UK. Already the children are really keen and interested in this topic, which is great.

The children will have the opportunity to learn about the geography of South America as well as how people live. They will think about how our life is different to theirs and also ways in which it might be similar. We are working in teams and all our work will culminate in each team producing a large, informative poster. These posters should be on display around school by the Easter holiday.



In literacy we will be working hard on improving our writing. The children will be reading texts related to South America and will learn about animals and deforestation through the texts. We will be learning how to debate and persuade in addition to writing some wonderful stories!

At the previous parent consultation meeting you received a report that showed the objectives your child has covered and can/nearly/can't do. It would be helpful if you could look at this again with your child

and support them in any areas that they are finding difficult. Please let me know if you need another copy of the objectives. Every child in the class would benefit from a bit of extra times table and mental maths practice at home. By now they should know all their multiplication and division facts up to 12x12. If they do, can they relate them to decimal facts? This could also be something to work on at home!

In art the children will be studying landscape paintings by Franz Marc and creating their own UK and South America versions, using pastels.

Later in the term, we hope to do some cooking and tasting of South American food. Any parents who are expert chefs and would like to be involved, please let me know!!



### SATs

This year your child will be taking part in the National curriculum tests in May (week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May). I will be talking to the class about the tests and we are already doing some practice papers. Feel free to join us at SATs club on Mondays after school if you want to support your child. If you have any questions about the SATs, please pop in and ask.

As always, if there are any problems or if there is anything you need to ask, please pop in to see me or email:

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Kind regards,  
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