



**Otter's overview of Learning for Autumn Term 1 - 2019/20**



**Amazing America's**

<p><b>Overview of Our Topic:</b> This half term, we will be exploring the Amazing Americas, where we will find out about the continents of North and South America, and the countries that form them. We will also look in more detail at some of the contrasting regions of the Americas, finding out about the landscape, climate and locations of each area. We will also be carrying out some fieldwork in our local area to help identify the similarities and differences between a region of the Americas and where we live.</p>		
<p><b>Vocabulary.</b> These are words that we will be using in our learning. To help the children learn these new words, please have some fun using the words at home in different contexts.  <i>country, continent, cities, climate, human geography, physical geography, latitude, longitude, equator and hemisphere.</i></p>		
<p><b>English</b>            This half term, the children will be exploring two texts with similar themes. They will be focussing on descriptive writing and poetry. We will also look at more practical texts also, including news reports.</p>	<p><b>Science</b>            Our topic is Earth and Space. We will be exploring where our planet is within the universe, investigating the sun and the moon and finding out what people believed about our planet in the past.</p>	
<p><b>Maths</b>            This half term we will be focussing a lot on place value and securing our understanding for the remainder of the year. We will also develop methods for the four rules and begin to explore measure, shape and fractions.</p>	<p><b>Music</b>            This half term, we will be exploring music from across the Americas and learning to develop our singing. We will also be introducing instruments and will begin to look at planning our own songs inspired from the music.</p>	
<p><b>Geography</b>            This term, the children will develop their map and atlas skills and practise reading and writing coordinates. They will learn about the ancient and new wonders of the world, specifically those of the Americas, and create their own presentations to teach others what they learn.</p>	<p><b>Art &amp; DT</b>            This half term we will be focussing on the skills of sketching and drawing. We will be exploring the rainforests as part of our inspiration. Alongside this, we will begin to create our very own rainforests when we design and make our very own dioramas!</p>	
<p><b>Computing</b>            Alongside teaching the children about e-safety, we will be beginning to teach the children about programming and how this enables apps and other devices to work.</p>	<p><b>PE (Monday and Wednesday PM)</b>            This half term, the children will be learning and developing their skills in Rugby and Dance each week. Don't forget PE kits!</p>	
<p><b>PSHE</b>            We will be exploring feelings and emotions alongside valuing differences in each other.</p>	<p><b>RE</b>            This half term we will be looking at the concept of wisdom and relating this to Hinduism.</p>	<p><b>MFL</b>            In French this term, the children will be learning about <i>Vive le sport!</i> (<i>Our sporting lives</i>)</p>