

The Amazing Americas



Christian Value: Truthfulness

'Be the best you can be; together we grow from acorns to oaks, flourishing in God's love'

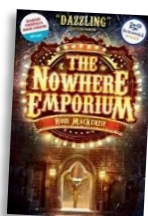
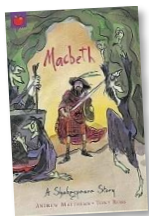


Helping all children to become caring, confident and curious young people.

The subject web below shows some of the main areas of learning that will be covered in our class over the Spring term.

English

Our focus class texts this term are **Macbeth** by William Shakespeare and **The Nowhere Emporium** by Ross Mackenzie. We will write character and setting descriptions, extended narratives and biographies. We will learn to use semicolons, brackets and dashes to improve our writing.



Mathematics

We will begin the Spring term by learning about *ratio* where we will be able to split up amounts and keep them in proportion. After, we will focus on *algebra* where we will use formulae and form expressions. Following algebra, we will study *fractions, decimals and percentages* by investigating the relationship between the three areas and trying to convert between each one. Our learning in mathematics will conclude with *area, perimeter and volume* where we will learn to find the area of triangles and parallelograms as well as the volume of cuboids. Linking to our topic, we will compare the temperatures of various climates and biomes.

Science

In Science, our focus will be studying electricity. We will start by learning about the importance of major discoveries in electricity. After learning about currents, volts, switches and circuits, we will make a functioning dog doorbell for those dogs who wish to come back indoors!

History

In History, we will name and locate ancient wonders of the world. Then, we will compare and contrast changes throughout time in the Americas. Additionally, we will study the life of a person of historical importance from the Americas.

PE

This term, we will be developing our skills in Swimming and Gymnastics.

PE kits are required every Monday. Swimming kits are required every Wednesday.

Art/DT

Our topic-related Art will involve sound maps, framing nature and charcoal drawing. We will study the artist L.S. Lowry and create street sketches.

In DT, we will develop our understanding of series and parallel circuits then create battery-operated torches.



Computing

We will study blogging and networking using Purple Mash.

RE

We will be learning about Christianity and Humanism.

French

We will be learning phrases about the weekend and school.

Music

All the learning is focused around two songs: A New Year Carol and You've Got a Friend.

Geography

Geography will be our main *topic* focus this term in which we will study the Americas.

Our learning will focus on:

- Identifying the countries of North and South America
- Using geographical terminology to describe the location and characteristics of a range of places across the Americas
- Describing the climates and biomes of different regions across the Americas
- Identifying physical and human geographical features of our local area
- Identifying similarities and differences in the human and physical geography of my local area and a region of North America
- Describing the characteristics and significance of a natural wonder of the Americas.

Supporting text: North and South America Study Book (CGP - 2019)

Homework and Reading

Homework and Spelling Lists are given out every Friday. Homework is due in the following Friday and spelling tests take place every Friday.

Pupils should read **at least three times per week** at home. Page numbers and comments should be recorded in their reading records.