

Year 4 Parent/ Carer Newsletter -Autumn Half Term 1

The aim of our new curriculum is to link much of the work around a theme, which makes learning more exciting and purposeful.

Science

Our Science focus will be on states of matter. We will explore solids, liquids and gases. We will also be looking at the effects of heating and cooling and evaporation. We will do a variety of different experiments over the lessons, including having a go at turning liquid cream into our very own frozen ice cream!

Music

This year, children will learn how to read notes in creative carousel. They will be looking at using a new instrument too.

English Work

Over the half term we will be learning about stories from imaginary worlds and writing our own. We will then be looking at non-chronological reports and writing our own linked to different attractions in North America.

Religious Education

In RE we will be looking at what different people believe

This half term our topic is:
The Quest around North America

Modern Foreign Languages

The children will continue with their French lessons. This half term, they will learn numbers and the names of classroom objects.

Mathematics

In sets, we will concentrate on:
-place value
-using column methods for +, -, x and ÷.

PE

4R will be going swimming this half term every Friday and therefore will need their swimming kits!
4B will have a PE lesson on a Friday.

Both classes will have a PE lesson on a **Wednesday** and should remember to bring both their indoor and outdoor kit on

ICT/Computing

We will be using ICT to look at programming. We will programme a character on a system called 'Scratch' and have a go at coding our own computer

How you can help?

You may have knowledge about North America, which could assist in your child's learning and in completion of the homework challenges. We also ask that you listen to your child read on a daily basis as this will really help them progress throughout the year. Your child will be bringing home spellings each week to learn and should be practising their times tables (up to 12 x 12) ready for their weekly tests.

PSHCE

The children will be creating their own class rules, and personal targets which will enable them to improve their work and their attitude to work.

The value for this half term is **respect**.