

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 sound and hearing. We will explore how we hear different sounds and whether we hear things differently depending on where we are. We will also look at how to amplify sound and do some experiments to discover how sounds can change and how well we can hear things.

Music

This year, children will develop their reading of notes and learn to play a new instrument.

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.

Modern Foreign Languages

This half term, we will learn numbers and the items in the classroom objects.

Religious Education

In RE we will be looking at what different people believe about God.

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

Trip

We have a trip to Ingleborough where we will be looking at how the landscape was formed and learn about the people who live there and the jobs they have.

Mathematics

In sets, we will concentrate on:

- place value
- rounding to the nearest 10, 100
- using column methods for +, -, x and ÷
- comparing and ordering 4-digit numbers

Creative Carousel

Children will be doing one of the following:

- Art - looking at mountain paintings and re-search Klee Cezanne
- DT - creating electrical circuits like an intruder alarm to warn campers of a bear intrusion!
- DT - making mittens for use in cold weather

ICT/Computing

We will be using ICT to look at programming. We will use 'Scratch' to write some coding for our own computer games.

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 look at how to play safely, especially online. We will also be looking at where people get their money from and how they get their money, The value for this half term is **respect**.