

YEAR 4 Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!!

SPRING TERMS

THE YEAR 4 TEAM—MRS R REDMAN —CLASS TEACHER (4R), MRS S BLOOMFIELD—CLASS TEACHER (4B), MRS E TOSELAND-PPA COVER FOR 4R, TEACHING ASSISTANTS - MS ALBERTSEN, MS BETTELL, MRS HAWKINS AND MRS ECKFORD

Our main topic this term will be:

Across the Pond

Below is what we will be studying until Easter:



Geography — We will be looking at the human and physical features of North and Central America.

English — We have begun the term writing recounts and newspaper reports using Little Red Riding Hood as our starting point. We will then spend a week on poetry. After the half term break we will be writing stories using Fantastic Mr Fox as our inspiration. We are also having a week where a majority of our work will focus on one book (more details soon).

Handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar still have a high priority. We are hoping many more children achieve their pen licences.

Reading remains a key focus and guided reading will take place every day. Later in the term we will be having a reading challenge.

Maths — Children will be working on fractions, decimals, time and money.

Science— We will be starting with

‘Animals in their habitats’ and moving onto ‘Living things including humans’.

D.T.— We will be designing and making a pop-up information book using a range of pop-up mechanisms.

Computing — We will be using ‘scratch’ to design our own maths game and also producing a wikipedia style information page on North America.

P.E.— Swimming (see separate letter)

Games — We will focus on invasion games and using a range of tactics and ball skills through rugby and football.

Music — Before half term we explore texture using ‘Building’ themed songs and after half term we will focus on pitch in songs from around the world..

P.S.C.H.E.— We will be learning and thinking about healthy and safer lifestyles and the world of drugs. We will also be going to St Mark’s Junior school to see a play called ‘The Net’ about using the internet safely.

R.E.— Children will begin to study the Islamic faith.

Art — We will be using a range of materials to create artwork inspired by the Americas: flags,



Home Learning

Maths will be set on a Friday and is due back on the following Thursday. Times tables up to 12 x 12 also need to be learnt and will be tested each week. Booklet to be given out next week.

As last term, children have been given a booklet with the whole term’s spellings. The new list will be discussed on a Monday and the children will be tested on these words the following Monday. This term the words are all the ones the children should know by the end of year 4. Children are given time in class to practise these, but will need to use the home copy to learn them.

Children are expected to read every evening and they need to make a written comment in their reading logs a minimum of twice a week.

Until half term, children will be given one piece of English based homework each week on a Friday (due in on the following Thursday).

Similar to last term, topic homework will be given out for after half term once we are well into our American topic.

Reminder

Please can all children have their swimming kit on a Wednesday (from Jan 18th) and games kit on a Friday. If all children have a spare carrier bag in their games kit, we can use this to put muddy shoes in at the end of the lesson. As the weather is likely to be colder, tracksuit trousers will be needed.

Year Group Assembly Change of Date:

This will now be on Thursday 23rd March at 2:45.

Thank you!

Just a note to say a big thank you from all the teachers and teaching assistants for the cards and gifts we were kindly given for Christmas.



