

Hola Mexico! Year 4 Newsletter - autumn second half.



How you can help

MATHS This half term will focus on consolidating multiplication and division followed by fractions and decimals. There will also be a big focus on the learning of times table and division facts. We will be using TT Rock stars which will be happening daily, this will help the children to rapidly recall their times table and division facts.

ENGLISH We will be reading *The Tin Forest* a beautiful picture book about an old man who dreams of changing the view from his window. We will be using the book to develop our writing skills by writing a number of non-fiction texts relating to other areas of the curriculum. In addition, we will be focusing on grammar, spelling, punctuation, and handwriting.

PE. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times. Our Kit consists of black shorts/bottoms, white t-shirt, black trainers or pumps. Also please remember no earrings on PE days. Correct kit = Dojos ☺ If your child cannot take part please send a note or dojo message.

HOMEWORK -homework will be set weekly on Tuesday and needs to be returned the following Monday. If children have not done or brought their homework in, they will be asked to go to lunchtime homework club. Homework will be an English task and an online maths activity. Children are able to use the ipads during lunchtime club if they do not have access to ICT at home.

HOME READING BOOKS/FREE READERS -Please use your reading record to help us to communicate with you and organise the children. Books will be changed as needed. Please aim to read at home at least 4 times per week. **CLASS DOJO** Please ensure you are registered on class dojo, it enables us to keep in contact and share important notices and

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful time over the Christmas period enjoying the festivities and hopefully a well earned rest too! I can't wait to welcome the children back to class and introduce them to our new topics and learning for this half term. ☺

This term ...

Our topic this term will have a geography focus, we will be learning all about the country of Mexico, which is in North America. We will be finding out all about Mexico including; it's location, it's history, the culture and traditions and beginning to compare Mexico to other places within the UK and North America. Perhaps you or someone you know has visited Mexico if you have any artefacts, souvenirs or photographs it would be wonderful to see them.

In art, we will be linking our Art to Mexico whilst also developing our drawing and painting skills.

In ICT we will be creating branching stories and using ICT to presenting our work.

Our science topic is all about plants and animals and their habitats, we will be children explore a variety of ways to identify, sort, group and classify living things and begin to consider the differences between living things within these classifications. We will be identifying the habitats of different animals and also looking at the environmental threats to different species.

In Music we will be singing and composing music related to a theme of anti bullying.

PE this term will be gymnastics and basketball. Please try to make sure kits are in school all the time as days can be subject to change. If the weather is fine PE may be outdoors, may we suggest children dress appropriately for PE outdoors as the colder months approach.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you wish to discuss anything in the newsletter or in general.

Useful websites:

www.sumdog.com

www.classdojo.com

