

Year 4 Newsletter – Spring Term

January 2019



Happy New Year everyone! Welcome back after the Christmas break.

This term I am look forward to our new topics and also working on storing new learning in our long term memories. The children have all made a fantastic start to year 4 and have already achieved some great things: achieving swimming badges, times tables certificates and completing our class assembly. WE still have lots more to do and achieve! Keep up the amazing work everyone!

Our topic this half term is called 'Hola Mexico' and the information that the children need to know by the end of this topic can be found on their knowledge organiser. A copy of this has been sent home but a copy can also be found and downloaded from our class page. We will be studying the geography of this county as well as researching about The Day of the Dead festival. One of our weekly PE sessions will focus around traditional Mexican dances as well as music lessons focused on the topic.

In ICT, we will be working on staying safe online.

Our Science topic will aim to answer the question: What is so special about sound? We will be exploring sound through a variety of investigations and practical activities. The knowledge and vocabulary that children need to know and understand can be found on their knowledge organisers.

Please continue to keep track of your child's progress and achievements using Class Dojo and visiting Twitter or our class page.

Thanks for all your support so far. Please feel free to pop into school if you have any queries or worries.

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Year 4 Class Teacher & Vice Principal

Useful websites:

www.sumdog.com
www.classdojo.com
<https://ttrockstars.com/>
<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/clips/zbdmpv4>
<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/mexico-facts.html>
<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zgfr82>
<http://primaryfacts.com/2436/louis-sachar-facts-and-information/>

How you can help

MATHS –This half term we will be developing our knowledge of multiplication and division and fractions. 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 help the children to rapidly recall their times table and division facts.

ENGLISH We will be reading 'The Great Kapok Tree' and then 'Holes'. These books will create a range of writing, drama and art opportunities. We will also be developing our writing skills by writing a number of non-fiction texts relating to Mexico. In addition we will be focusing on grammar, spelling and punctuation and handwriting.

PE is on a Monday and Tuesday. Sports coaches will teach the sessions. 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 ☺

HOMEWORK – Homework will be set weekly on Tuesday and needs to be returned the following Monday.. Homework will consolidate the children's existing skills or build on the teaching throughout the week. Please support your children to complete their homework.

HOME READING BOOKS/FREE READERS –Please use your reading record to help us to communicate with you. Books will be changed as needed. Please aim to read at home at least 4 times per week.