

Year 4 Newsletter Term 2 Autumn 2

Around Europe

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break. This term our topic is 'Around Europe'. We will be finding out London and then travel around Europe visiting places such as Paris, Moscow, Rome and Barcelona. We will be looking at the geographical characteristics of these different regions and finding out about their culture.



English

We will start the term writing image based poetry about London. Our text this term is Weslandia and we will be writing character descriptions, retelling the story and letters. We will also create holiday brochures to persuade visitors to travel to the to different countries. We will be focussing on different literary devices such as conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and embedded clauses.

Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on written methods for multiplication and division. We will also be learning about fractions, decimals, position and direction. We will complete Rockstars Time Tables challenges every day to develop the children's recall of multiplication facts up to 12x12.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at States of Matter. We will compare and group materials into solids, liquids and gases. This will involve a series of investigations and experiments. We will observe how materials change states when they are heated and cooled. We will also investigate the role of condensation and evaporation in the role of the Water Cycle.

P.E

This term, we will be learning the key skills required for tag rugby and dance. Both classes will have a PE session every Tuesday and Wednesday

Please make sure your child has appropriate kit (trainers, black, blue or grey jogging bottoms and a white t-shirt). This needs to be separate to their school uniform (and is not worn underneath their school uniform). **Please make sure your child has their name written in all of their clothing.** As PE is in the afternoon children will remain in their PE kits until the end of the day in order to maximise learning time.

Topic

Our main topic focus will be Geography. Throughout the term, we will be looking at different countries in Europe as well as counties and cities of the UK. We will also be discovering what life is like for the locals in different regions and comparing their environmental, physical and human characteristics. In Spanish we will be learning body parts, food, colours and how to greet one another. In addition, we will be learning the names of different types of food in Spanish and tantalizing our taste buds by cooking a traditional European dish. We will learn to say if they are good or bad for our health. In Computing we will be designing and creating tourist leaflets about a city and making our own video guides for it. We are also looking at computer networks and on line safety. In PSHE we will be following the Drugs and Alcohol curriculum where we will be finding out about the effect of alcohol on our body.

Homework

Homework will be issued on a Friday and due back in the following Wednesday. Your child will have one piece of English homework, one piece of Maths homework and spellings (on a handwriting practice sheet) each week. They will also be given a topic based project to complete throughout the term. It is really important that children are practicing times tables at home, because these form the foundations for much of the Maths work we are doing in class. Children are expected to be able to randomly recall their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. Please support your child in working towards this.

Thank you to all parents who have paid their £20 annual trips, visitors and workshops contribution.

In Term 1, our visitor delivered a fabulous Anglo Saxon day which really helped the children to learn about Anglo Saxons life style, history and culture by bringing their learning alive.

If you have not yet paid your £20 annual contribution, please can you do so as soon as possible to ensure learning experiences can take place. Regretfully, if we do not receive enough contributions, then we will be unable to run some of the experiences we have planned.

Many thanks.

Colette La Touche and Jen Hardy (Maroon) and Ayesha Howell (Ruby)

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.