

## Year 4 Newsletter Term 2 Autumn 2

### Espectacular España

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break.

This term our topic is 'Espectacular España. We will be finding out the UK and then comparing our country with Spain. We will be looking at the geographical characteristics of different regions and finding out about their culture. As well as learning lots of Spanish!



#### English

We will start the term writing image based poetry about London and Spain. Our text this term is Gulliver and we will be writing adverts, adventure narratives and letters. We will also create holiday brochures to persuade visitors to travel to the two 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 applying multiplication skills through decimals and measurement. We will focus on time through reading, converting time and solving word problems. We will learn about translating shapes and coordinates. We will do Rock Star Time Tables every day to strengthen the children's recalling 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.**

### Topic

Our main topic focus will be Geography. In week 2, we will be journeying around different countries, counties and capital cities of the UK and discovering what life is like for the locals in different regions with the Freshwater Theatre Company in their Let's Locate - The UK workshop. Throughout the term, we will also be finding out about the major cities of UK and Spain and we will be comparing their environmental, physical and human characteristics. In Spanish we will be learning greetings, food, colours and how to ask to translate. We will also be tantalizing our taste buds by learning the names of different types of food in Spanish and cooking some Spanish traditional dishes. 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 London and Madrid and making our own video guides about these cities. 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.

### Home learning

Home Learning 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 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.

Dates for the diary:

Let's Locate workshop

Downe meeting

Y4 Sharing assembly (9am)

Please look at the school website to see the children's learning in action!

[www.crownlane.lambeth.sch.uk](http://www.crownlane.lambeth.sch.uk).

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

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

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

**For Term 2, our visitor will be from Fresh Water Theatre to inspire our children's learning about the geography of the UK**

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

**Many thanks.**

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