



Year 4 Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely half term. It was great that the weather was on our side at times with it being so mild.

This half term, Class 4 are exploring the geography topic of 'The Americas'. We will be looking at North America and South America, working on our geographical locational skills. We will be comparing the different areas, looking at the physical characteristics of both North America and South America.

In English we will be looking at the book 'The Great Kapok Tree' exploring the Amazon Rainforest. This is a book which focuses on the environment and so is such a relevant and crucial topic. We will be developing our persuasive writing techniques in the format of letters.

In Science we are undertaking a biology topic entitled 'Where does all the Food go?' This will explore the digestive system, including teeth. It will be a fascinating topic and one which I know always engages the children. We will be continuing to develop our scientific skills of enquiry and observation.

This term the maths curriculum will look at addition, subtraction and multiplication. The mental skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division are crucial for these topics. Children will benefit greatly from regularly using TT Rockstars. It is an expectation that children in Year 4 know their times tables up to 12 and TT Rockstars will help support this. **It is important that children aren't simply practising the easier times tables, rather spending their time becoming fluent with the times tables that they are not as familiar with.**

In Art we will be looking at drawing and experimenting with printing. I am looking forward to seeing what the children will produce as their final pieces.

We will be continuing learning French looking at expanding the children's knowledge of grammar and vocabulary. We will be celebrating differences in PSHE which fits in nicely with Diversity Day on Friday November 4th. In computing the children will be developing their skills of graphic design and animation – such an exciting topic!

P.E. will continue to be on Wednesdays and Fridays. We are lucky to have a sports coach teaching the skills of tag rugby on Friday. Our other P.E. session will be gymnastics. We will be outside as far as the weather allows, so please ensure a suitable warm P.E. kit is brought to school.

It is an expectation that children read at least 5 times a week (either independently or to an adult). We will be monitoring reading diaries daily. We place such an emphasis on reading with our use of the school library and visits to Wollaton library, so support at home is appreciated. We would like reading books and reading diaries to be in school every day.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by Class Dojo.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hebbs

Class 4 Teacher