



**THEME:** North America



### **HOMEWORK**

The children will be given a pick and mix task and weekly spelling. Children should also be reading at least 3 times a week at home.

### **PE**

PE Kits- Please ensure children have their PE kits in school every day. Long hair needs to be tied up and earrings / watches removed for the lessons.

This term Year 4 will be learning skills in Tag Rugby and Dance.

### **RE & PSHE**

R.E: The children will be learning about Hinduism. They will compare and contrast ideas about God and explain the characteristic of Hinduism through symbols and pictures.

PSHE: Children will begin the term by refreshing and improving on their understanding and use of the Zones of Regulation.

Following this we will be creating our class charter and exploring our rights and responsibilities under the Children's Act.

### **MUSIC**

The children will be learning to play the ukelele.

### **LITERACY**

This half term, the children in Year 4 will be focusing on 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. During this half term, the children will be learning about the purpose and features of a newspaper article. They will also learn about quotes and the importance of eyewitness accounts. As a result, the children will write a newspaper article based on the appearance of the unknown and mysterious Iron Man and how the villagers are feeling.

Furthermore, the children will also explore and write a narrative in the style of Ted Hughes. They will learn about dialogue and how to create atmosphere and add description to excite the reader.

In grammar, the children will study nouns, adjectives, pronouns and verbs. Following on from this, they will recap on the correct use of tenses and paragraphs.

### **HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY**

In Geography the children will be learning about North America. We will focus on:

- North American cities and rivers; learning about human and physical characteristics and understand how they have changed over time.
- Investigating the question "What is so special about USA?"
- Understand geographical similarities and differences of human and physical geography with the United Kingdom.
- Understand lines of longitude and latitude.

### **COMPUTING**

Children will develop an understanding of networks and the internet. They will learn about the World Wide Web and will be given opportunities to explore it. They will learn who owns content and consider how honest, accurate or reliable it is.

### **MATHS**

This half term, the children will be learning about securing their knowledge of Addition and Subtraction

- They use their knowledge of place value to correctly lay out column addition
- Pupils add using column addition
- They use their knowledge of column addition to solve problems
- Use known facts and strategies to accurately and efficiently calculate and check column addition
- They use different strategies to add and subtract multiples of 100
- Pupils compare and order four-digit numbers
- Pupils round a four-digit number to the nearest thousand, hundred and ten

### **CREATIVE ARTS**

To link with our topic of North America, the children will be looking at the history and design of Native American dreamcatchers and totem poles, creating their own designs in drawings and paintings.

### **SCIENCE**

This half term the children will be studying Electricity. They will be:

- Identifying common appliances that use electricity
- Construct a circuit labelling the basic parts
- Predict if a bulb will light
- Recognise common insulators and conductors
- Draw a switch and label parts.

### **FRENCH**

The children will be learning about food, snacks, numbers 21-31, months of the year and dates and birthdays.