

Valence Primary

LITERACY

Over the course of this term, Year 4 literacy will be based on the text 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. From this, the children will be completing letters, newspaper reports and their own story endings.

We will also be looking at Native American poetry, which will link closely with our topic of North America. The children will be exploring the features of poetry and those features which are unique to Native American poetry.

R.E. and PSHE

Well Being: Children will be introduced to Mind Up to raise an awareness of how emotions impact on our behaviour. We will look at strategies to manage our feelings and emotions.

PSHE – The PSHE theme this half term is 'Being Me in My World' which will focus on children learning how to accept and welcome others while understanding how their actions impact the class team.

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.



YEAR 4

Autumn 1

PE Kits- Please ensure children have their PE kits in school every day.

Homework Details: Homework will be reading and noting their reading in reading diaries until end of W3. Spellings will be carried out in class until end of W3. More information to follow.

PE

Learning the skills and rules of Tag Rugby including the physical skills required to play the game. This is a non-contact sport. Children will also study basketball this half term.

COMPUTING

Over the course of the Autumn term, Year 4 will be focusing on developing digital literacy skills. This will include the use of Book Creator as well as simple animation apps to build digital literacy. Online safety will be included throughout the term.



**School doors open at 8:50am promptly
Home Time is 3:10 pm**

MATHS

This half term, Year 4 will be securing their knowledge of Place Value. They will be partitioning 4-digit numbers and discussing what each place value represents. They will also focus on rounding to the nearest 10,000 and 1000, order and compare numbers as well as solve problems involving negative numbers and Roman numerals. Furthermore, the children in Year 4 will be taught the formal written method for addition and subtraction.

In addition, we encourage the children to learn their times tables with accuracy and quick recall. They can use Times Tables Rock Stars or Hit the Button.

CREATIVE ARTS (ART/DT/MUSIC)

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. At the end of the term we will also be looking at the architect, Frank Lloyd Wright.

SCIENCE

Our topic this half-term is 'electricity'. The children will understand that there are two different types of electricity and carry out investigation into types of insulating and conducting materials. We will carry out several investigations such as:

- To construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.
- To identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit.
- To recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit.
- To recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.