

# YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

## Autumn term 2

Welcome back! We hope that you had a fantastic half term and you're all well rested, ready for the new half term to begin!

Our topic this half term is:



Below is an overview of what we will be learning over the next half term.

### English

As part of our topic we will be reading 'Mr. Men ROAD TRIP' by Roger Hargreaves and 'The Indian in the Cupboard' by Lynne Reid Banks. From this we will be writing adventure stories, postcards, emails and diary entries.

### Maths

In maths we will be continuing subtraction, then moving onto multiplication and division. We will also cover measuring length, weight and capacity. As with all topics, we will be doing reasoning and problem solving.

### Science

In science we will be continuing our work on environmental changes and differing habitats across the USA. Then, we will begin to look at electricity. This will allow us to investigate conductors and insulators, construct a range of simple circuits and working switches.

### Topic

Our Road Trip USA topic will allow us to experiment with traditional American foods. We will also do a lot of map work and research different states and landmarks. We will also look at the history of the USA from Native America to the present.

### Important Information

**Reading** – please read at home each night with your child. It is extremely important that children are reading regularly to support their learning and to allow them to quiz. We will be keeping track of how many times children read over the half term and house points will be given to those who read a minimum of 5 times each week!

**Homework Grids** - Homework grids must be completed by the last Thursday of each half term. Please ensure homework books are brought in each Friday so that they can be kept up to date. We will be keeping a record of completed homework across the term.

**PE** – Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school including black / navy shorts, tracksuit bottoms, white / house colour t-shirt and plimsolls. PE is on a Tuesday and Friday each week. Swimming will also continue for those children who attend at present.

### Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Sports hall athletics competition – Whole class
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Break-up for Christmas