



Our theme this term is 'What is life like in Central America?'

Year 4 - Spring term

Welcome back! I hope you have all enjoyed the holidays. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about the topics your children will be studying during this exciting half term.

Spellings/Homework

Spellings will be handed out every Monday. A spelling test will be carried out the following Monday. Homework will also be set on a Monday.

Home Reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home on a daily basis. They should be encouraged to read a few pages every night as regular reading at home makes a real difference to a child's progress. If you could ask your child a few questions after they have finished reading this helps with their understanding of the book. Children are encouraged to read a variety of book genres, so they don't have to read their school book every night. Whatever they read should be recorded in their reading record.

PE.

Lessons will take place on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. Please make sure your child follows the school PE kit policy, including no earrings to be worn on PE days.

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Playscripts
- Poetry
- Narrative writing
- Non-chronological reports
- Stories from other cultures
- Persuasive writing

Our written work will be based around George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl and Central America.

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- 2 step problems using 4 operations
- Converting measures of length, mass and capacity
- Telling the time using analogue and digital
- Finding equivalent fractions and decimals
- Interpreting data from graphs

Your child will benefit greatly from knowing their times tables up to 12. I would appreciate if you could practise with your child at home. This will help with their overall mental maths.

Science

In Science we will be investigating electricity and how it works. We will use our visit to the Street Life Museum to help our understanding of 'Shocking Electricity'. We will be making circuits using various components and investigate what will happen if we add or remove components. We will be creating Iron Man's head using circuits to light up his eyes.

RE / PSHCE

In RE we will be focusing on 'Who is Jesus?' We will use the Bible to help us devise a Timeline of Jesus' life. Our PSCHE lessons will focus on 'Celebrating Differences'.

Geography

Our Geography lessons will be focusing on Central America. We will learn about where it is in the world, their culture, what they grow and how we benefit from their exports.

Art / DT

Art and DT will relate to Central America. We will be designing and creating our own carnival headaddresses, which we will showcase in a celebration.

ICT / MFL

In ICT we will be developing our word-processing skills, learning how to research a chosen topic and present findings in a PowerPoint. We will be learning how to input data to create various graphs.

Children will continue learning French taught by our visiting French teacher.

Music/PE

In music we will be learning to listen to, appraise, and then perform, a variety of songs. In PE, the child's learning and development of skills will continue to be supported by the Pelican Park sport coaches.

Lastly...

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact either myself, Miss Robinson, Mrs Eden or Mr Allen.