

Year Four Newsletter

Term : Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 4!



Message from your teachers

Welcome to Year Four with Mrs Strutt and Mrs Smith. We are thrilled to start this new academic Year 2022/23 with you all and are really looking forward to a busy Autumn term learning all about Mexico. This newsletter will allow you to find out lots of useful information about what we get up to in our busy and exciting classroom. We would like to thank you in advance with all your support with the children's learning this half term.

We will be learning this term...

Our topic for this half term is 'Where in the world is Mexico?' Our focus text will be *Kenzukie's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. In English, we will begin our unit of work by developing our knowledge of the Year 4 writing objectives. Specifically, we will be learning to use metaphors and similes to create imagery, using fronted adverbials to vary our sentence structure and using subordinate clauses to write complex sentences. We will then use these skills to write our own recount story. In maths, we will be learning about place value representing numbers to 10,000. Rounding to the nearest 10,100,1000 and ordering numbers up to 10,000. In art, we will be looking at the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo during our portraits unit. We will be learning how to show facial expressions and body language in our drawings and we will begin to gain an understanding of complementary and contrasting colours. In geography, we will be learning to use world maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate information about a given place and learning key physical and human characteristics of Mexico. In history, we will be learning to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of an ancient civilisation. Finally, we will be learning how to make Mexican tacos during our food technology week.



Reminders/Important Dates

- PE is every Wednesday. Please ensure that children come dressed in Black/White kit on this day and that jewellery have been removed.
- Reading every day
- Times table practise
- Homework due in on Wednesdays

Useful pages/Contact us

<https://ukhosted43.renlearn.co.uk/2171850/Public/RPM/Login>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

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