

Year 3/4 Autumn Term

English: In English this half term we will be reading 'David Copperfield', identify where the book is set and how we know this. We will be reading diaries and identify the features of a diary entry. We will also develop our understanding of what is read and use dictionaries to check the meaning of words. We will draw inferences about the characters' feelings, thoughts and motives.

In geography this half term we will be studying the rivers and mountains.

We will :

- ❖ Locate the UK's major mountain landscapes on a map
- ❖ Use compass directions to explain their location
- ❖ List some different mountain landscape features
- ❖ Investigate a rivers journey
- ❖ Describe some landforms made by a river.

In maths this half term we will count in different multiples.

- Find 1000 more or less than a given number.
- Count backwards through zero to include negative numbers.
- Recognise the place value of each digit in a four-digit number (thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones).
- Order and compare numbers beyond 1000.
- Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations.

There will be a focus this year on times tables as year 4 work towards their statutory test in May.

In art will be examining drawing.

We will investigate:

- ✚ The formal elements of drawing
- ✚ Use collage to form shape
- ✚ Use drawings to show 2D and 3D shapes
- ✚ Use mark making to create texture

Weekly spellings will be sent home to be practised for our Thursday test. These can be practised at home, and time will be given in school too.

Please practise rock star times tables at home and complete tasks on reading eggs. These can be practised at home, and time will be given in school too.

Home readers will be changed each weekly. Please support your child by reading with them, reading is important to their progress, once a week is good – more often would be brilliant.

Please ensure that these are brought into school each morning.

All children will receive a spelling book, home reader and times table book. All 3 books should be brought into school every day.

Thank you for your support with this it makes a huge difference to the confidence and progress of the children in class.

In science our area of study is Animals including humans. We will be investigating:

- Discuss how to keep teeth healthy; plan and set up an investigation into tooth decay
- Draw conclusions from an investigation about keeping teeth healthy and to identify and examine different types of teeth.
- Identify the parts of the digestive system and their function
- Demonstrate and explain the process of digestion
- Construct food chains for different habitats and explain findings using the correct scientific language.

PE this half term will be on a Wednesday.

Please note that PE for year 3/4 is on a Wednesday, starting Wednesday 4th September. On PE days children should come into school dressed in PE kit – details of this are on the school website for clarity.

In RE this half term we will be looking at family. We will examine what a family means to us and how scripture explains what family is. We will explore how Jesus was born into a family unit and lived with a human family.