

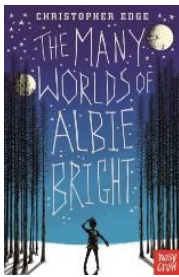


Class 4 Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 1 – Hola! Mexico!



Welcome back for the summer term! This half term will be as busy as ever, particularly for the children in Year 6 who will be doing their **SATS during the week commencing Monday 11th May**. We also have a fantastic new topic and lots of great activities and events over the next six weeks

This half term, we will be focusing on Geography and exploring the human and physical features of the Central American country of Mexico. We will be exploring the landscape of Mexico, what are some of the major landmarks across this diverse country and what can we learn about its natural inhabitants? We will be researching the vast Chiachanaian Desert and learning about the cultures that can be found there. The children will also examine some of their festivals, such as the day of the dead, and learn about their importance to the Mexican people. **Please ensure your child is learning their Knowledge Organiser facts as there will be a regular quiz.**



In English, we will be exploring the genre of science fiction and a novel by Christopher Edge called 'The Many Worlds of Albie Bright'. This story takes us on a journey with Albie Bright, a young boy who has recently lost his mother, and explores what happens when he decides to take on a daring quest to find his mother. The children will explore the themes of loss, adventure and empathy as they develop their understanding of empathy and character motivation. This half term we will be revising much of our work around Grammar and sentence structure so look out for this in their home learning. Our whole class guided reading will continue to focus on key reading skills, using inference to explore character motivation and making predictions and asking questions about facts stated or implied. Ask the children about their 'Vocabulary Ninja' words of the day to encourage them to explain their understanding. Please allow time to discuss what children are reading at home and allow the children to explain their understanding of what they have been reading.



We will continue to regularly send reading books home and aim to change these on a regular basis. We will expect ALL reading books to be in school every day as the start of our school day will always revolve around reading and setting a calm focused start to our learning. **Children should be reading a minimum 3-5 times a week for at least ten minutes. If they achieve this, they will be entered into the reading raffle and could win a prize at the end of the half term. Please ensure that these home readers are in school as reading will place regularly, either with myself and Mrs Spencer and ensure that the children are entered into the Reading Raffle.**

Home learning will continue to go home every Thursday so please ensure that home learning is back in school each Tuesday to allow us time to check and give out the new work. Year 6 Home Learning will continue to be very different as we approach the SATs in a few weeks. The Year 6 children have been given a revision pack which they must have in school every and will be given regular revision tasks to prepare them.

In Maths we will continue to focus on basic skills, place value and our understanding of the four operations. In this half term, we will also be exploring shape, fractions, decimals and percentages and applying these to multi-step problems. Every day we will be exploring mental and written strategies and exploring a range of methods to solve addition and subtraction problems.

In our R.E. lessons, the children will be exploring Judaism. In what ways is life like a journey? How do religions make the 'signposts' and the 'turning points' on the journey through life?

P.E. will take place on Monday and Friday. On Monday, we will be developing our rounders skills and on Friday we will explore a range of dance skills. Please ensure PE kits are in school each Monday as they will be sent home over the weekend to be cleaned. Please do not send your child in earrings on P.E. days as, even if they can be removed, there is always the worry that things will be lost!

Do not hesitate to contact me when needed.

Mr McGurk