



Year 4 Autumn 1 Newsletter

Our topic is... Life Before the Chocolate Factory



English

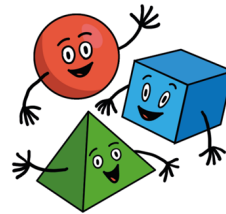


Our current English book for this half term is 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl. At the end of each day, 4C will read 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold and 4S will read 'The Great Dream Robbery' by Greg James and Chris Smith.



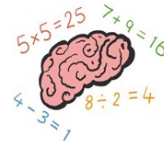
This half term, we will be writing a setting description and a character description based on our English book. We will discuss the audience, purpose, genre and formality of our writing. Throughout the half term, we will explore how writers use personification, prepositions, similes and fronted adverbials to engage the reader before applying these within our own writing. We will begin to learn the skills to edit and improve our work as well as creating a final piece for our writing display.

Maths



In Maths this half term, we will be learning about place value as well as adding and subtracting four digit numbers.

To begin our place value unit, we will explore the value of each part of a four digit number. We will use this knowledge to compare and order numbers as well as finding 10/100/1000 more and less. We will then learn how to round to the nearest multiple of ten, hundred and thousand. Using this learning, we will begin to add and subtract four digit numbers to solve real life problems.



Maths Meeting

In Maths Meetings this term, we will be recapping all the skills we've learnt in Maths during Year 3. We will continue to recap our Maths Mastery learning of place value as well as column addition and subtraction. We will focus on our 4, 8 and 3 times tables ensuring we can recite these multiplications in and out of order confidently.



ClassDojo

Remember to check Class Dojo for updates!



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Science

In Science this half term, we learning about living things and their habitats. We will think about how animals and plants coexist and adapt to survive in their habitat. We will explore how they depend on each other in food chains, and use branching data-bases to classify different species.



History

In History this half term, we will begin to explore 'The Maya'. We will learn about their important inventions such as calendars and the production of chocolate. Thinking about the civilisations we have learnt about in the past, we will compare them to the everyday life and the social structure of the Maya.



Geography

In Geography this half term, we will learn about where 'The Maya' lived and what the climate was like and its impact on their lifestyle. Furthermore, we will locate rainforests around the globe and understand why they are all located in between the Tropics.



Art

This half term, we will begin to develop our sketching and toning skills when drawing still life objects including confectionary.



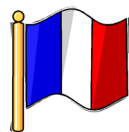
DT

In DT this term, we are focusing on building mechanisms by designing and making a weaving loom! We will evaluate some existing products, then use this to help us to plan our own loom. We will think about where our clothes come from today, and learn why weaving looms were a vital part of Mayan culture. After producing our own loom, we will test it out and peer evaluate other children's looms.



Computing

In computing this half term, we will begin to look at decomposition and algorithms.



French

In French this half term, we will learn to count to 20 and explore the French alphabet.



Music

In Music, we will begin to learn to play the ukulele in our lessons with Mr Smith. We will also listen to Mayan music and explore their ancient instruments.



PSHE

In PSHE, we'll be focusing on our 'personal' health. We will explore what is meant by a positive relationship and develop respect for individuals similarities and differences. We will also learn more about puberty through a visit from 'Big Talk.'



Life Skills

Our Life Skill this term is independence. We will create art work about our city centre as well as planning, composing and performing a piece of music in front of the class.

What's happening this half term?

We will update you further on key events this half term once the academic year has begun.