

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Class 4 (Year 4). Here is a summary of the curriculum areas we will be covering this term. Our main topic this term is *Comparing People and Places*.

Don't forget to keep reading every night and recording this in the reading record book. PE lessons will take place on Wednesdays (if you are not at Forest School) and Thursdays and Forest Schools will be on Wednesdays until half term. Homework will be set on Fridays and must be completed by the following Wednesday. If you have any queries please put a note on Tapestry - this is checked every day.

Many thanks, Ms George, Miss Guy, Miss Evans and Mrs Huckerby

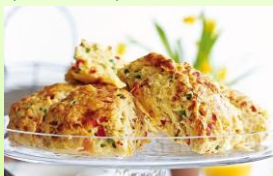
**History:** Native American tribes and how they lived.

**Spanish:**

As linguists in Spanish, we will be doing a mini "All About Me" topic. We will be learning: greetings, feelings, numbers, birthdays and working towards a Spanish passport.

**English** We are starting with the book *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynn Cherry. From this we will learn more about the rainforest. We will write persuasive letters and our own dilemma stories. We will also be looking at various non-fiction books to have a go at writing our own instructions text. After half term, we will focus on *how to train your dragon* and will write our own scenes from the story.

**DT** Designing and making healthy savoury scones.



**RE** In RE we will be thinking about why some people think that life is a journey? We will be learning about Christian, Muslim and Jewish life festivals, then thinking about the journey of our own lives.

**Science**

Our first topic will be Living things and their habitats. Then we will move onto learning all about electricity.



**Art:** We will be looking at American Pop Art. We will study work by Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein creating a variety of our own artwork in their style.



**Geography**

Geography will be our main focus this term. We will begin by studying the jobs in Cradley, creating different styles of maps and looking at the main attractions of Cradley. We will be looking at human and physical features of Mexico, the Amazon Basin, the Grand Canyon, the Alps and Peruvian Andes.



**Computing** We will be looking at the very important topic of E-Safety. Making sure the children know the risks and how to avoid them. We will also be looking at Digital Citizenship, looking at the hidden cost of app usage, the features of reliable and unreliable websites, understand the terms copyright and to consider the impact of electronic communication content



**Music** Singing a range of songs including music by ABBA. Glockenspiel - Exploring and developing playing skills.

**PE** Fitness training, hockey, Real PE (personal and social themes).

**Maths:** We are starting the term with place value, focusing on ordering and comparing 4-digit numbers. This will be followed by a unit on addition and subtraction. In this unit, we will practise our mental maths skills and column addition incorporating word problems. We will then move onto multiplication and division learning the formal method for written multiplication. We will continue place value learning about decimals and negative numbers. We will then look at column subtraction, 3D shapes and symmetry and finish the term with the bus stop method for division.