

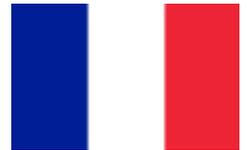
Year 4

Newsletter

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Hope you have had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed the break.

Topic

This half term we will be continuing our 'Around the World' topic. We will look at some of the countries Phileas Fogg travelled to in more detail with a particular focus on North America. Children will use an atlas to locate countries in North America and look at some key human and physical features. Some of these features include famous landmarks, rivers, mountains and volcanoes. We will study volcanic areas in more detail looking at how and why volcanoes erupt as well as investigating why people may choose to live in these places. As we follow Fogg's journey the children will be making comparisons between the places he visits and the UK. Our final challenge will involve the children using their knowledge of how to get from one place to another using different sources of information in order to research and plan a journey to France. They will need to think about how they will get there within a certain budget. During the last week of half term the children will participate in a French day, we will provide more details about this nearer the time.



Writing

In writing we will be continuing to look at the story 'Around the World in Eighty Days' by Jules Verne following Fogg's journey across the globe. We will be looking at the character of Phileas Fogg in more detail understanding how he felt during different parts of the journey. The children will then create their own endings to the story which we are really looking forward to reading. They will work on including a variety of punctuation within their work such as question marks, exclamation marks and ellipsis as well as adventurous vocabulary to create surprise and suspense in their story ending.

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on fractions and decimals. The children will focus on recognising and counting up and down in tenths. They will also be applying their knowledge of place value to understand what happens when we divide any number by 10 ($5 \text{ divided by } 10 = 0.5$). We will be working on rounding decimals to 1 decimal place and applying our knowledge to reasoning and problem solving questions. Thank you for your continued support with times tables we can see that lots of children are working hard on these. If your child requires login details for Times Table Rockstars please let us know.

PE

PE will continue to take place on a Wednesday morning each week. Kit required consists of a plain white or blue t-shirt and navy blue or black shorts. The children will be developing their dance skills this half term and creating their own choreography to music. Sessions will take place inside.

We are all looking forward to an exciting half term with Year 4!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us, we're always here to help.

Miss Hornsby and Miss Ella

