

Year 4 Autumn 1 Newsletter:

Fragile Earth: Aspiring Africa



As part of our whole school Big Idea 'Fragile Earth', Year 4's first Autumn term topic is Aspiring Africa. We will be learning about the continent of Africa, its landscape and the people who live in it. In addition to this we will also be looking at the impact different factors can have on the humans and animals of Africa.

PSHE

Following the school-wide approach and using Jigsaw resources, we will be looking at 'Being me in my world'.

This will look at setting goals for the year, understanding rights as a child, knowing how our actions impact the world and on how others view us.

DT

In DT, we will be looking at how we can use circuits and switches to create a humane trap to capture endangered wildlife.

Geography

We will be focusing on the continent of Africa. We will look at maps to locate it and the countries within it. Following this, we will study the people and animals and how various factors affect them.

French

Our first topic in French will be learning all about ourselves.



PE and Games

On a Friday we will be practising our dance skills in the hall.

On a Monday we will be practicing our fitness skills outside.

Please send your child to school in their PE kit on PE days.

Homework

Reading

It is expected that your child reads at home at least 3 times a week. If they do not read at home, they may be asked to stay in at playtime to read with an adult.

Spellings

Spelling will be handed out on a Friday and the children will be tested on them the following Friday. Please practice these with your children at home. Children are expected to practice their spellings on Spelling Shed at least 3 times a week. If they cannot access this at home, they can come to one of the clubs on a lunchtime.

Times tables

Your child will be tested on their times tables regularly in school. Children are expected to practice their times tables on TT Rockstars at least 3 times a week. If they cannot access this at home, they can come to one of the clubs on a lunchtime.

Knowledge organisers

Knowledge organisers will be sent home at the beginning of each new topic. Please look through these with your children and challenge each other to learn the facts and key information on them.

Class Novel

We will start the year reading The Highland Falcon thief by M. G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman. This is a thrilling crime adventure set on a magnificent train, testing the friendship and loyalty of its passengers when a series of thefts take place.

