

America Class Newsletter

Welcome back to what promises to be a very busy and hectic term. We have already done our class worship - a big thank you to everyone who attended. The children also thoroughly enjoyed a poetry presentation and workshop by Paul Cookson.

Curriculum

English - We will be reading the novel "Holes" by Louis Sachar as our guided reading book and to inspire our own writing, thinking about the different techniques the author uses and investigating the themes and characters in the story.

Maths - This half term we will be looking at the four operations and securing our understanding of mathematical terms and vocabulary. We will then move onto fractions. There will be a continued emphasis on problem solving and reasoning, particularly examining questions to ensure we understand what we are being asked to do and how to use the number knowledge we have to answer questions efficiently.

Topic - Our topic is a history topic entitled Crime and Punishment. We will be looking at how crimes, and particularly the punishments given to criminals have changed through time, from the Romans to Modern Britain, via the Anglo- Saxons, Tudors, Highway Men and Victorians. We will be debating, looking at how legacies from the past have influenced our modern justice system and how crime detection has changed through the ages.

Computing - Using Purple Mash we will be looking at computer games and use their programming skills to begin to develop games of our own.

RE - We will be looking at the topic "Was Jesus The Messiah?"- How were people at the time of Jesus prepared for His arrival? We will be looking at different prophecies that were around at the time of His birth.

French - Continuing our work on around the town. Extending our knowledge of vocabulary based on places, position and direction. We will also look at French Christmas.

PE - Swimming and free style gymnastics or dance fit at Willowburn on Fridays and Multi Skills with Newcastle United on Monday

Music - Singing and performing Classroom Jazz and learning the songs for our Christmas Performance.

Art and Design - Art and crafts inspired by the Native Americans using different media and Christmas crafts.

Homework

This half term we will be continuing to focus on reading, spelling and times tables. A big thank you to all of you who are supporting your children in completing all of their homework tasks. It really does make a difference. However, there are many children who are not reading three times a week and having their reading records signed each time. We are able to see when children have used Rock Stars at home - if children are not accessing it regularly we will send paper copies home. Children need to have reading records in school every day so we can also keep them updated and planners should be in school so we can put messages in and children have them on hand to write things in to help them be more organised and independent.

PE

As well as the correct kit for swimming on Fridays, please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school. We will be outside where possible, so a warm kit and spare socks will be needed. Please send a spare bag with the kit for muddy shoes. Children should also have a water bottle for sporting activities.

Other information

Scripts have been sent out for the Christmas Production "Tinsel and Tea Towels" please help your child to learn their words. Letters will follow shortly about costumes. Please keep an eye out for ParentMail messages and emails this half term - there is a lot going on!

Hawse End

If your child has not signed up for the residential in June, it is not too late. Please come and see me if they would like to go.

Thank you for your continued support,

Rebecca Hedley