



Year 4 Learning Leaflet



English

In English this half term and linked to our topic, we will be looking at the book the Matchbox Diary by Paul Fleischman.

It is a delightful story that tells about the life of a Grandfather and his journey to New York.

This will lead to the children writing their own autobiographies. If you have any interesting stories to share with them about when they were younger they can include them in their autobiographies.

If we are still Zooming after this point, we will be doing some film based Literacy.

Also on Zoom, we will be reading 'Kidnap on the California Comet' by M.G Leonard and Sam Sedgeman.

PSHE

Our topic for this half term will be 'Keeping Safe'. This will focus on both online and real world safety.

We will of course be prioritising the children's mental health during the school closure period and have frequent discussions about the current climate.

ROAD TRIP USA

Buckle up, sunglasses on – we're off to the good old USA!

With the use of technology, we'll be exploring the Big Apple, seeing the sights, checking out how to buy tickets for all the sights and sending postcards home. We'll be finding out all about the first people to live there – the Iroquois, and looking at the customs and traditions of these early Native Americans.

Our Geography skills will develop as we find out all about the 50 different states and learn about famous landmarks from around the country.

We will also learn about American food and have a try and design some diner menus.

Music

Mr Crossley will be singing some good ol' American songs with the children! YEE-HA!

Maths

We have started the half term off by representing and exploring our times tables facts up to 12 x 12. We will also be exploring other mental strategies to multiply and divide numbers by 10 and 100.

Following that, we will move onto formal methods for multiplying and dividing larger numbers. The two methods which we will focus on principally are column multiplication and bus stop division.

Science –Electricity

This term we are investigating electricity and how it is used in the modern world. We will look at circuits and how to make them. We will be investigating how to make switches and what materials act as conductors and insulators. We will be using lots of different equipment and creating different circuits.