



Learning and achieving together

## Year 4 Autumn Terms 1 and 2 2022/23

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a fantastic summer break and enjoyed some lovely sunshine! Please find attached a summary of the main learning areas this term whilst below are some reminders for you for the start of the new school year.

### Topic

Our topics will be **Road Trip USA!** (Term 1) and **Mighty Mayans** (Term 2). We will kick off our first topic with a USA-style WOW Day on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. We would like the children to wear USA inspired clothing. This might be red, white and blue themed, perhaps an American role model or key figure, or simply a t-shirt which features the name of an American city. There is no pressure for you to buy anything elaborate.

### Home Learning

Home Learning will go home on a Thursday and it will need to be returned by the following Tuesday. We expect all children to complete homework tasks.

In addition, children are required to practise times tables facts up to 12 x 12 to aid rapid recall in preparation for June's statutory Year 4 Multiplication check (more details to be shared later in the year). Time Tables Rockstars is a great resource to help the children develop their skills.

We will send out spellings at the beginning of Term 1 and would be grateful if you could encourage the children to practise at home. The first set of spellings will be tested on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

### Reading

It is essential that children read regularly at home. We would very much appreciate you listening to your child's reading/discussing their book with them as often as possible (at least 3 times a week), as this will help them with their comprehension skills, fluency, enjoyment of reading and to gain ideas for their writing. Please write in their reading record to show you have heard them read. Reading books and records should be brought to school every day. We use these to check the number of times children have read at home in order to earn their Star Reader certificates.

### PE

Children need to wear their PE kits (navy t-shirt, blue shorts/trousers and trainers) to school on their designated PE days. Year 4's PE sessions will alternate between Tuesdays and Thursdays each week (to keep you on your toes). Therefore, their first PE session will be Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, their second will be Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September and so on.

If you have any questions, please email [yeargroup4@portisheadprimary.co.uk](mailto:yeargroup4@portisheadprimary.co.uk) or leave a message with the school office.

Kind regards,

The Year 4 Team

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Autumn Terms 1 and 2 Curriculum Topics



**Topic – History and Geography**

Biomes  
North America  
The Mayan civilisation



**ICT**

Data Logging



**Science**

The children will learn all about electricity, as well as humans and animals.



**Music**

Charanga Scheme



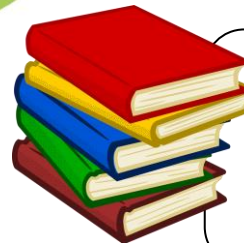
**Maths**

Number and Place Value  
Addition & Subtraction  
Multiplication & Division  
Perimeter



**Art & Design**

Mosaics  
Bridges



**English**

Edward Tulane  
Tar Beach  
The Matchbox Diary  
Weslandia



**PE**

Multi-sports  
Dance  
Badminton  
Swimming

**RE**

What do Hindu people believe about Dharma, Deity and Atman?

**French**

The children will be learning phrases related to school

**PHSE**

We will spend time thinking about new starts and settling in. We will also look at celebrating differences.