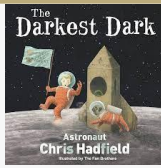




YEAR 4/5 NEWS



Dear Parents and Carers,

Let's find out what Year 4/5 will be learning about this half term.

English

In English we will be looking at two books this half term, 'The Darkest Dark' by Chris Hadfield and 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy. *The Darkest Dark* a true story about a young astronaut. We will be finding out about Chris Hadfield and writing a biography about him. *The Lost Happy Endings* is a story about what would happen if all the happy endings were gone from fairy tales. We will be writing our own fairy tale, hopefully with a happy ending!



Maths

This half term Year 4 and 5 will be learning about multiplication and division. Year 4 will be multiplying and dividing by 3, 6, 9, 7, 11 and 12. This will help prepare for the times-table test at the end of the year. They will also learn how to calculate the area of a rectangle. Year 5 will be learning about factors, prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers. They will then move onto addition and subtraction of fractions.

Science

In science, Year 4 and 5 will be focusing on *Living Things and their Habitats*. We will be creating habitats and trying to create the ideal conditions. We will be comparing the life cycles of different animals (including that some animals have live births and some lay eggs) and plants. We will also be looking at the conditions needed for plants to grow and watching this in action!

History – The Maya

In history, we learn about who the Maya were, where they lived and what their achievements were. We will find out how they grew food and compare this with what we do today. We also find out about their writing. We will read some Mayan writing and have a go at writing some of our own.

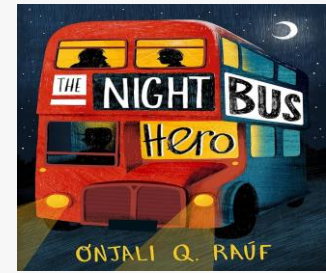


Art

In art, we will be learning about surrealism. We will look at the work of Salvador Dali and the impact he had on the world of art. We will create our own work in this style.

Computing

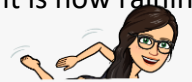
This half term we will learn all about spreadsheets. We will start to input formula and variables to solve calculations. We will also look at online safety and how to keep us safe when sharing content.



Our class read is 'The Night Bus Hero'

PE

P.E is on **Thursdays**. Please make sure that your child comes into school wearing their P.E kit on this day. Swimming will be on Wednesdays. Make sure every child has a coat as it is now raining regularly.



Music

This half term we will learning about jazz music. We will listen to a variety of jazz music. We will then learn how to play a selection of notes and use these to improvise.

Reading

Children will have guided reading everyday in class. Each child will have a copy of the class text to follow along as the teacher reads. Children should read every night and this is recorded in their reading journal. This is checked every Thursday.

Homework Weekly

expectation:
20 minutes Century
20 sessions on TT Rock Stars
Practice year group spellings

Thank you for all of your support and if you have any questions please ask.

Ms Steele and Miss Unga