



I would officially like to welcome back children, parents and guardians after a sweltering summer break. The children have returned with a spring in their step and I am very excited about what lies ahead in Year four, beginning with our first topic, 'Road Trip USA'...



On Tuesday we set up an American diner in class!

Here are some of the things we will be studying over the course of the half term:

- State geography through a journey along Route 66
- Atlas, map and compass skills
- Volcanoes (including the eruption of Mount St. Helens)
- New York
- Native America (including making dream catchers and totem poles)
- Electricity (making light-up models)

In Maths we will be focusing mostly on number, including mental strategies (particularly times tables), place value and written calculations involving the four operations.

Dates for the diary:

Thursday 13th September - Roald Dahl Day. Children can dress up as their favourite character from his books.

Monday 24th September – Whole School Photographs.

Wednesday 3rd October - Harvest Festival assemblies. KS2 11am main school hall, parents welcome.

Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Thursday 11th October - parents' evening appointments

Friday 26th October - break up for half term. Halloween Disco,



Reminders:

- Packed lunches should be well-balanced with a mixture of savoury and sweet items. Packets of sweets and fizzy drinks should not be included. As we have a number of children with peanut allergies, please refrain from nuts, peanut butter and Nutella.
- Year Four PE will be on a Monday, please ensure children have the correct kit: a plain blue top, navy or black shorts and black plimsolls or training shoes. Navy or black tracksuit bottoms and a plain hooded top can also be worn when it is cold.
- Please remind children that it is important to push bikes and scooters when on the school grounds to avoid collisions with other children and parents/carers.
- Topic homework grids are now in the front of purple homework books, providing children with ongoing tasks, linked to the topic, to work on at home.