

## Year 4 Newsletter – 2019 Spring Term

### Literacy

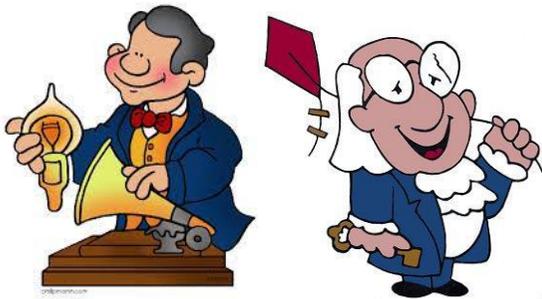
This term we will begin Unit 3 of our Literacy and Language programme. We will also continue to focus on handwriting, grammar, punctuation and reading comprehension. After a successful introduction, Spelling Shed will continue to be used in preparation for weekly spelling tests.

### Numeracy

Our attention will turn to measurement and geometry this term. We'll learn how to convert between different units of measurement, calculate perimeters and areas and identify shapes and angles accurately.

### Science

In Science, we will look at materials and how they can change states depending on conditions around them. We will investigate how sound and vibration are linked and find out about American inventors and scientists such as Thomas Edison and Benjamin Franklin.



### Geography

On our American road trip we will find out about the 50 states of the USA, as well as their main cities and landmarks. We'll also explore American National Parks and consider why they are so important.



### Computing

We will use Scratch to continue making our own computer programs. We will also look at how we can edit text and pictures to create impressive documents and slideshows.

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### Design and Technology

Inspired by our American Road Trip topic, we will find out about the foods eaten by the indigenous communities of America. We will learn about how they grew, caught, gathered and prepared their food and how both the slave trade and Mexico have influenced American cuisine.

### Spanish

In Spanish, we will continue to add to our vocabulary of Spanish words by looking at family members, relatives and rooms in our houses. We will incorporate these into simple conversations that we develop together in class.

### Music

We will be learning a fourth chord to help us perform more complex pieces of music on our ukuleles.

### Religious Education

This term we will explore key texts from the Bible. We will also find out about the story of Easter in preparation for our Easter Service.

### Physical Education

In the Spring term we will continue with gym and swimming sessions, as well as football and gymnastics lessons. Please remember to wear your sports kit to school on Tuesdays - blue shorts, white t shirt and either a school coloured sweatshirt or sports hoody.



### Homework

Literacy and Numeracy homework, including spellings, will be set each Monday. This homework will be handed in for marking on Friday, when spellings will also be tested.

### Reading Challenge

Mr.Reilly hopes to reintroduce the Year 4 reading challenge in the weeks leading up to the completion of our new classroom. Any donations of books for a new classroom library would be very gratefully received!