



495 High Street North  
 Manor Park,  
 London  
 E12 6TH

Monday 6th November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a restful half term. As the weather gets colder please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately when they come to school. I hope the information below helps to ensure that you know what your child is learning at school this half term and provides you with helpful suggestions as to how to support them. If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher or myself.

Thank you  
 Ms D K Brown  
 Assistant Head (Years 3-4)

Year 4 -TERM 2		
<p><b>Topic</b>            Our topic is <b>North America</b>.            This is a geography based topic.  <b>We will be learning:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How to locate the world's continents, using atlases and globes, then focussing on <b>North America, (Canada, USA and Mexico)</b>. Concentrating on the environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities</li> <li>- To understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and a region in North America</li> </ul> <p><b>Literacy</b>            This term children will have the opportunity to make links to their topic (North America) and produce a range of writing pieces.  <b>Non-chronological Reports</b>            Children will gather information from a variety of sources, and present them as a report.</p>	<p><b>Numeracy</b></p> <p><b>Arithmetic</b>  <u>Multiplication and Division.</u>            We will be concentrating on 6, 7 and 9 times tables, but will be expecting the children to continue to learn others. Children will practice using multiplication and division in a wide variety of ways, including word problems, to consolidate their understanding of number.</p> <p><b>Geometry</b>            We will be practicing Perimeter. Children will learn to find the perimeter of regular and irregular shapes, as well as solving word problems.</p> <p><b>Measures</b>            The children will be practicing aspects of length.</p>	<p><b>Science</b>            This term, children will be studying <b>Electricity</b>.            Students will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying common appliances that run on electricity.</li> <li>• Electrical Safety.</li> <li>• Constructing a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.</li> <li>• Identifying whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery.</li> <li>• Recognising some common conductors and insulators, and</li> </ul>

<p><b>Leaflet – Information texts</b> Children will create a travel brochure to inform people about the different places to visit in North America.</p>		<p>associate metals with being good conductors.</p>
---	--	---

**How you can support your child at home**

<p><b>BUG CLUB:</b> Please encourage your child to sign on to their reading accounts on a daily basis. Reading daily will improve your child's comprehension and writing skills. Every time your child logs onto Bug Club their progress is recorded on their teacher's computer, so they can be allocated new books regularly.</p> <p><b><i>Children will bring a Reading Book home daily with their record book. Please sign your child's reading record book to show you have read with them. Look at the centre of their records to find spelling lists, and help with sentence construction.</i></b></p>	<p>Help your children with telling the time. Encourage them to use bus and train timetables. Let them find the duration of different T.V. programmes.</p>	<p>View science games online or visit BBC Bitesize science (<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/</a>).</p>
---	---	---

<p><b>Important dates:</b>  <b>Wb 13<sup>th</sup> November:</b> Anti Bullying Week.  <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November:</b> Children In Need Day.  <b>Wb 20<sup>th</sup> November:</b> Road Safety Week.  <b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November:</b> TF1 Class Assembly.  <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November:</b> International Evening.  <b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November:</b> TF2 Class Assembly  <b>Week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December:</b> Y4 tests  <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December:</b> Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day.  <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December:</b> Y4-6 attend pantomime at Barking.  <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December:</b> End of year parties  <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December:</b> Last day of term  <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January:</b> First day of Spring 1</p> <p>Our P.E. lessons are on Mondays. <b>Children must change out of their uniform into full P.E. kit.</b></p> <p><b>HOMEWORK:</b> Homework for Maths and Literacy including spellings will be given out on Friday for the children to return to school the following Wednesday.</p>
--