

Now lots of useful information to help you and your children be organised and make the most of the year group. Please also ensure you keep checking our website, Twitter account and text messages for other updates as well as looking out for letters which may be sent home from time to time.

### What will my child be learning this term?

Our theme for this term is **Intrepid Travelers**

English

This half term we will write a narrative story based on the picture book called Journey by Aaron Becker. Children will have to use direct speech, expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials. In the second part of the half term, we will write a diary entry from the perspective of the main character from the book Paradise Sands. We will continue to develop our grammar and vocabulary skills across half term.

Maths

#### Multiplication and Division

Our next unit is multiplication and division. We will continue to develop our fluency and knowledge about multiplication and division facts up to 12. We will learn to recognise and use factor pairs, multiply two-digit numbers by one-digit number and solve word problems involving the four operations.

#### Multiplication and Division

We will continue to develop our fluency of the multiplication and division facts. We will practise them in different orders and with a different game. Children all have their TTrackstars logins, so they can practise at home.

### Theme

Geography

This half term we will be looking at the countries that make up the European Union. We will learn the difference between the British Isles and Great Britain and we will locate some of the main islands that surround the United Kingdom.

Science

Our unit this term is electricity. We will identify common appliances that run on electricity and construct a simple series electrical circuit. We will identify and name the basic parts from an electrical circuit. We will learn to recognise some common conductors and insulators and associate metals with being good conductors.

### How can I help my child at home?

- Ask them what they are **learning about** in school.
- Make sure they have **equipment** to do their **learning at home**.
- Check your child is doing their **learning at home** and handing it in on THURSDAYS!
- **Listen to your child read** every night and talk to them about the book (this can be done in English or the home language) – use the questions in their reading records.
- Help them practice their **times tables**
- Help them learn their **spellings**.

### Where can we go as a family to support my child's learning?

#### Talking at Home

We encourage you to talk to your child about their learning in class. Ask them what they have learnt each day or something new which they have found out. See if your child can explain what they have been learning at school. This is a good indication of how well they listen and how interested they are in their work. They may even tell you something you didn't know!

### Upcoming trips / visits / visitors / theme days

- 08.01.24 World braille day
- 15.01.24 Martin Luther King Day
- 22.01.24 International day of education
- 29.01.24 Holocaust Memorial Day
- 05.02.24 Race equality week
- 09.02.24 Break up

### E-safety reminders

1. Don't give anyone your password, name, address, the name of your school or any information about your family
2. Don't talk to strangers on the Internet
3. Don't agree to meet anyone in person that you've met online
4. Don't fill in a profile that asks for your name and address
5. Don't visit a chat room without an adult's / parent's permission
6. Don't stay online if you see something you think your parents won't like
7. Don't post pictures of yourself without your parents' permission
8. Do not download or install anything on your computer without your parents' permission
9. If you have any questions about something you read, ask your parent or guardian
10. If you are talking to someone online and they make you uncomfortable, remember you don't have to talk back to them

### Uniform reminders

Children need to wear black plain shoes and bring their school reading book/ records daily.

Swimming will take place on Monday for 4GW and Wednesday 4MT. Children will need to bring their swimming kit each week please.



