



Autumn 1 Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday and that you are looking forward to a new year of learning. Our topic this term is the mountains and volcanoes of **South America**. Our big question this half term is **What is special about the mountains and volcanoes of South America?**

Our Terrific Texts are 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl and 'The Extraordinary History of Chocolate'.

Important dates:

- Meet the teacher: Tuesday 15th September – time to be confirmed.
 - Brilliant Beginning: Thursday 3rd September – making chocolate bar boxes with golden tickets!
 - Marvellous Middle: Thursday 8th October – trip to Kew Gardens!
 - Excellent Ending: Week 8 exact date TBC – making chocolate and watching Charlie and the Chocolate factory!

English 	We will be writing stories with imagined settings, instructions and Haikus. We will also be covering specific grammar topics: • word classes – nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, adverbial phrases, pronouns, determiners, prepositions, conjunctions • fronted adverbials with commas • root words, prefixes and suffixes • coordinating conjunctions • past, present and future tense • inverted commas • Imperative verbs • expanded noun phrases
Reading 	We will: • make predictions about events in a text • use new vocabulary from the Terrific Texts • read aloud, practicing how to pronounce new vocabulary • discuss events in a text • retrieve information from a text • use a contents page to navigate a text
Mathematics 	We will be learning about: • place value of numbers to 10,000 • rounding numbers • estimating • roman numerals • adding and subtracting up to two 4-digit numbers
Science 	Our science topics for this half-term are the digestive system and teeth. We will be learning about: • the different parts of the digestive system and their function • human teeth and their function • what damages teeth and how to look after them • the teeth of herbivores and carnivores
Foundation subjects:	French: The children will be learning all about French phonics. They will be learning how to say where they live, their name and their age.

Each subject has dedicated time, weekly. 	Music: We will be learning all about ABBA songs, listening to and appraising different songs. We will be copying and creating rhythms, doing body percussion activities and reading simple musical notation to play the xylophone. PE: We will be learning how to play handball. We will learn how to throw the handball in a variety of ways and to pass with different levels of power. D&T: We will be learning about and creating pop up books. Humanities: We will be learning all about South America, particularly focusing on volcanoes and mountains. We will discuss how volcanoes and mountains are formed and how and why people live near them. RE: We will be learning about the different Higher Beings in Abrahamic religions. RSHE: We will be learning about mental well-being and relationships. We will talk about different types of relationships and families, how friendships change over time and the topic of grief. Computing: We will be learning about what the internet is, using the internet safely and different types of websites including Wikis, which will then create our own versions of demonstrating our knowledge of South America!
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Things to remember:

Monday: Indoor PE. Children to wear their PE kit to school.

Monday: Spelling Test.

Monday: Homework to be completed.

Thursday: Outdoor PE. Children to wear their PE kit to school.

Homework expectations:

- Reading daily for 20-30 minutes. Reading records must be brought into school **every day**, with a comment from the previous evening. This can be completed by either you or your child.
- Spellings to learn at home every week.
- MyMaths and Spelling Shed tasks which will be set **every Monday** and needs to be completed by the **following Monday**
- Times Table Rockstars/times table practise every day

Your child may receive some extra homework if it is felt that it would be beneficial for them to complete additional tasks.

Contact information:

Email year4@northsidesch.org to arrange a meeting or discuss issues specific to your child or please text the class phone. Please ask for the number if you do not have it.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr. Marshall and the Year 4 team.