



# Year 4

## Summer Newsletter



Welcome back to school for our final term in Year 4! We had a fantastic end to our Spring term with our trip to Carlton and we are looking forward to an exciting Summer term with your children and the exciting learning opportunities that lie ahead.



Buckle up and put your sunglasses on - this term we're going on a road trip across the USA! We'll start by 'visiting' the states where Native American tribes settled. We'll use travel brochures and the internet to research New York and write postcards to family members. Using maps, we'll locate the USA and find the names of the states. We'll look at the amazing lights of Times Square, make circuits and create a program for a tourist trip around New York. The story, *The Indian in the Cupboard*, will inspire us to write diaries. We'll explore Native American myths and write our own. After learning about their cultural significance, we'll weave beautiful dreamcatchers. Looking at aerial views of natural landmarks, we'll think about how they might have been formed. We'll create travel brochures and make illuminated models of different landmarks.

### Help your child prepare for their project

The USA is an incredible place, with a varied landscape and culture. Why not choose a state to research together and create a scrapbook of exciting locations? You could also make a playlist of American songs from different genres that you could listen to on your road trip. Alternatively, visit the supermarket together to see if you can identify any foods associated with the USA. You might even try some of them!

### P.E.

Year 4 have P.E. every Tuesday and Friday afternoon. However, P.E. kits should be in school all week if needed for extra sessions. Bader P.E. uniform is required. This consists of a plain green t-shirt, plain black shorts/joggers and trainers. T-shirts can be purchased from the school office.

### Brass

Children with a brass instrument must bring their instruments to school every Thursday.

### Reading Records / Home Learning / Spellings

Your child's reading book and record will come home daily with the expectation of them reading and will be checked the next day along with reading rockets. There will be weekly spellings and times tables for the children to learn at home and will be tested weekly in school. It is important that your child does this in order to keep up with the Y4

curriculum. Reading Plus, Spelling Shed and Times Table Rockstars should also be accessed at home. Optional home learning is topic based and is listed above in 'Help your child prepare for their project'.

**Thank you for your continued support!**

Miss Robson Mrs Parker Mrs Kennard

**'Aiming High'**