



Ranworth Curriculum Newsletter ~ Summer 1

Dear Parents / Carers,

This term in Ranworth our topic is titled 'Way Out West' we will be investigating various topics about western America. This half term we are focusing on the Tornado Alley and other extreme events which occur on Earth. We will be looking at tornadoes, volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis and how these, and similar events, occur, their impact and how they're managed.

Here is some more information about what the children will be learning this half term:

<p>English As part of the Primary Writing Project the children will be developing their story telling and writing skills. This half term we will be focusing on writing a tale of loss in our fiction topic and script writing in our non-fiction, with a focus on writing and performing a factual news script.</p>	<p>Maths In Maths we are using White Rose Maths resources. The children will continue to develop their understanding of fractions and decimal before looking at money and statistics. As always, Mathletics is a great way to practise the skills that we cover in class. Please continue to encourage your child to use this regularly at home.</p>	<p>Geography This half term we will have a geography focus. The children will investigate various phenomena that occur on the Earth. We will be looking at volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis and other natural disasters along with looking at the water cycle and how rivers flow on the planet.</p>	<p>Music The children will have an hour of music each week. This will be singing and percussion based on the requirements of the National Curriculum. We will also be practising for CASMA.</p>
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Topic – Way Out West – Extreme Earth
Our topic this half term will largely be covered during geography as we investigate the various extreme events and other ways in which the Earth works. However, we will also be touching on the Lewis and Clark expedition as they explored the continent of America, the formation of the American railways and investigating art in America and how this has developed over time.

Sun Safety

Hopefully we will now start having more sunny days with the children spending longer outside.



Helpful Websites

Below you will find some websites that can be useful to support your children's learning at home on the internet.

Maths

www.mathletics.co.uk

Writing & GPS (Grammar Punctuation & Spelling)

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zhrrd2p>

Topic related

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zd9cxyc>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zj89t39>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/z7w8pg8>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Spelling

This half term we are going to continue with 'No Nonsense Spelling'. Children will have spelling lessons during the week based on a common sound, pattern or rule. As a result of this, children will no longer receive a list of spellings to learn each week so please do not panic when you are not seeing these come home as before. However, please encourage your child to continue learning the common exception words at home.

Books and Book Bags

Please help the children develop a love of reading by sharing these books with them, talking about why they have chosen them and discussing what they have enjoyed, or not, about them.

P.E Kits

We plan to have PE on Tuesday and Friday. However, please send PE kits in on Monday and allow your child to leave their kit in school all week as they may need to do PE at different times to their usual lesson. The children will have PE outside on both days. Details of PE kits are on the school website.

Snacks

Please provide your child with a piece of fruit for morning break.

Drinks

As the weather gets warmer please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school. This should be placed on the shelf by the sink in the classroom. Milk that is ordered with school dinners will be given to children at morning break. Water will be the only drink provided at lunchtime.

Key dates

1st May – CASMA Performance

10th June – Visit to Easton College – Food and Farming

I hope that this information is useful, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and talk to either of us.

Kind Regards,

The Year 3/4 Team

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