



Year 4 Newsletter

Holybrook Primary School

Viva La Vida

November 2019

In **English** lessons this term, we will continue to read adventure stories with characters on a journey. We will explore newspaper reports and the children will write their own newspaper report about "The Vanishings" in Varjak Paw.



We will then read different myths focusing particularly on Greek myths and legends.

You can help by: Sharing suitable newspaper articles and looking at the features e.g. headings, witness accounts. Asking children about the stories we are reading. Reading with and encouraging children to read every night and discussing the books they read. Remember to record in the reading journal and help children to complete the activities.

For **Maths** this term, we will be subtracting 2 4-digit numbers. We will then explore multiplication and division and the children will learn the times tables they are not yet familiar with mainly 6, 7, 9, 11,12. They should already be fluent in the 2, 5, 10, 4 and 8 times tables. Times Tables are an essential part of learning in Year 4 so children will frequently be practising their times tables. At the end of the term we will also be exploring working out length and perimeter.

You can help by: Practising times tables and making sure children are improving their rock speeds using Times Table Rockstars online.

Reading - Please make sure that your child is reading every evening at home and that you are signing their reading record. Children who read more also become better writers.

Homework

Spelling and maths facts to learn will be sent out every **Friday**. Children will also have a choice of other homework tasks to complete related to our topic.

Uniform Just as a reminder, school uniform is black school shoes **not** trainers. Earrings— only plain metal studs with no jewels.

This term we will be studying the geography of Mexico

Geography



We will find out about the diverse geography of the country of Mexico. Children will use maps, atlases and globes to investigate the country and describe where it fits into our world geography. They will find out

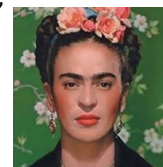
about and describe the physical and human geographical features of Mexico.

Art and Design

In **Design and Technology** children will be finding out about healthy food and they will use this to design and make Mexican dishes.



In **Art** children will learn about Frida Kahlo, an inspirational Mexican artist. They will learn how to paint portraits of her.



History

In history we will briefly revisit Ancient History by exploring the beliefs of Ancient Greeks to tie in with our work on Greek myths in English.

Science

In Science we will be finding out about the functions of the basic parts of the digestive system. We will learn about different types of teeth and how we can look after them. We will also find out about food chains thinking about producers, predators and prey.

In **PSHE** the children will be exploring making choices in relation to drug and alcohol education.

Parents' Evening

I look forward to seeing you all at parents' evening on Thursday. Please make an appointment if you have not already made one.

PE—this term golf skills

The children have PE every **Thursday**. Remember children need to bring their own kits on these days. Indoor PE Kit is a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and all white or all black trainers. For outdoors children can wear a navy or black sweatshirt and jogging bottoms.

