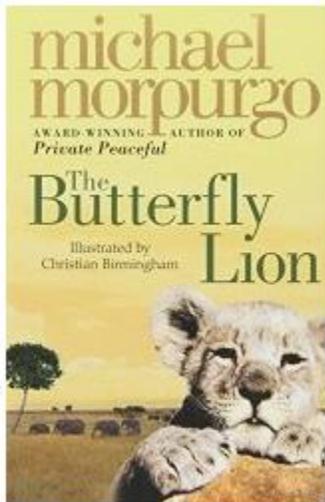


## Summer Term 2019 - Year 4 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Summer Term is under way with sunshine and smiles all around. Long may that continue! We have already created Theme inspired Native American art this term ready for our theme books and have just had our launch day! As usual, we like to keep you informed about some of the work that the children will be doing in Year 4 this term.



### English

In English we will be focusing the majority of our work on an extended book study. Michael Murpurgo's *The Butterfly Lion* will give us the inspiration for many types of writing this term. We will be covering descriptive writing, letter writing, balanced arguments, rewriting story endings and information texts.

We will also use our theme to include biography writing and more information texts.

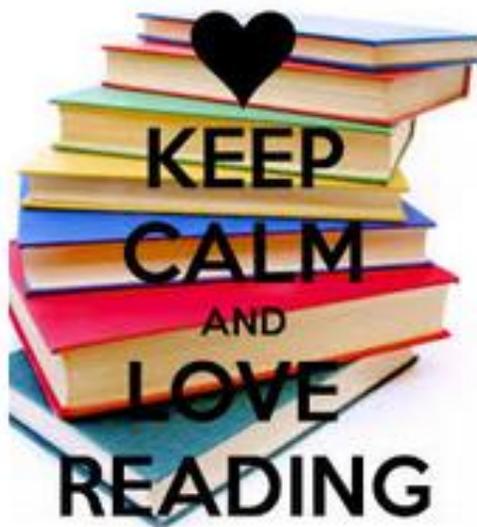
Michael Rosen poems will also be studied focusing on performance poetry.

### Mathematics

In our maths lessons this term, the children will:

- \* Focus on ensuring they have a good understanding of place value
- \* Cover various written and mental methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- \* Money
- \* Use standard units of measurement of mass, volume and length.
- \* Finding the areas of rectangles and more complex shapes.
- \* Geometry. Finding angles of shapes, identifying triangles, symmetry and classifying a range of 2D and 3D shapes.
- \* Continue to secure their times tables knowledge.





### Reading

This term we will continue to read as much as possible with the main priority, to create a love for books and reading with the children. Please listen to your children read as frequently as possible. We know this is a big ask with the busy lives people lead but the children really do benefit from being heard. We have the reading scheme to follow in school to ensure a wide breadth of books are read. If at home you have books to inspire your children, please feel free to read these as well, just pop it down in the diary when you can. Reading can be done in so many ways, with iPads, reading football match reports, reading menus in restaurants (great opportunity for a bit of maths too!). The only thing we ask is do not worry about

fighting your way through a book they find uninspiring, please let us know and we can change the book for you. We need the children to create a love for learning and a love for reading!

### Theme- 'Many Lands, Many People'

The children have already started to work on our new topic - Native Americans and our corridor is slowly taking shape. Our theme is going to be an exciting one with a fantastic, hands on, interactive trip!

Some of the areas of study will be: What is a Native American? , Where is the USA? , Music in the States, A road trip in the USA, America in the past, Different American homes over time, Daily life as a Native American and much, much more.



We will be visiting Ullesthorpe Scout campsite for our school trip in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Summer term. The children will take part in a fun, interactive day where they will cook on a fire, make bow and arrows, make a woodland shelter and check it is waterproof as well as take part in a camp circle. We will send out more details nearer to the time.

### Religious Education - RE

In RE, children will be investigating the question 'What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong?' Within this unit, we will be looking more closely at Christianity, Judaism and Humanism.



### **Physical Education - PE**

In PE, for one afternoon this term (Fridays) Mrs Tarka will be going swimming with some children to whom it will be beneficial after the lessons in Year 3 while others will have a rounders enrichment session with Mrs Dhami. On Tuesday we have the opportunity to have the expertise of Miss Dimmock who will be teaching athletics across the year group.

We ask for your support in this vital area of the curriculum by helping children to bring the correct changes of clothes to school for these sessions. They will take place on Tuesday and Friday this term, but we recommend their kit is always in school just in case! Athletics and rounders will be outside so the children will need trainers or plimsolls rather than school shoes to run around in.

### **Personal, Social and Health Education - PSHE**

The units of work the children will be cover in PSHE are 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'. During these sessions the children will have the opportunity to explore their own feelings and emotions and also those of others through activities. They will explore the importance of friendship groups and how to be a good friend, as well as other relationships that we encounter in life such as those with our pets and how we deal with love, loss and memories when those we love are no longer here. Later in the term we will be looking at how our bodies change during puberty and how we accept that change. (Further details to follow)

### **Science**

This term, the children will be looking at the theme 'In a State'. This looks at the properties of different materials looking at solids, liquids and gases. The children will take part in several investigations such as 'Are all Liquids Runny?', 'How do Smells get up your Nose?' and 'Is Custard a Liquid?'



### Overnight Camp out

As part of the school's build up to Dol-Y-Moch - the best school trip they will get the opportunity to go on, we begin the preparations in Year 4 with one overnight campout at the end of the year. This is followed by 2 nights at Kingswood in Year 5, then Dol-Y-Moch in Year 6.

This is an optional extra event at the end of the year full of fun, games, laughter and singing around a camp fire! We are very lucky to have had such a great year so far with so many sparky and brilliant pupils. This will be a fantastic way to sign off the year (and for you to have a night off and plan to go out and enjoy yourselves!)

We are just finalising dates so will let you know more details as soon as we have it all organised.



### Homework

Children will have a homework pack which is optional. This includes focus areas of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar for English with Focus areas of Maths as well.

Weekly reading, timetable practise, spellings and Power Projects make up the compulsory homework given out by school.

Please use this pack to support your child's learning if you feel you wish to do more at home. As the packs include the answer booklets, teachers will not be marking the optional, extra homework.

At the end of each term, if this pack is handed in to your child's teacher they will be rewarded in class with Dojos or Good to be Green tickets.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Tarka, Mrs Hodder and Mrs Dhami**