

# Love Learning, Love Life Always Aiming High



Welcome back!

I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas holidays and had a well-deserved rest! I hope you are ready to learn as we step into our first spring term in year 4. We have lots of exciting lessons planned as well as our fabulous trip to Conway! As usual, there will be a big focus on our reading and times tables this half term to support you with the rest of your work.

## PE

PE will be on a Monday and a Tuesday afternoon. This term Miss Preugschat will be teaching all of our PE units on these days. You need to have a labelled PE kit in school at all times, which can be taken home to be washed over the weekend or half termly.

## Homework, Spellings and Reading

As we did last term, Learning Log homework and Maths will be given out on a Friday and returned on a Wednesday. Occasionally, we may give out a piece of homework that lasts for a longer period of time, such as a mini-project. Reading books need to be changed at least once a week and don't forget to bring your Reading Journal and book in everyday, so that we can keep track of the books you are reading and so you can earn raffle tickets! You need to continue to learn your times tables at home as well as covering them in class. Finally, Spellings will also be given out on a Friday and will be tested on the following Friday.

As well as me, we will have Mrs Deakin with us during the morning sessions. In the afternoons you will have the opportunity to work with Miss Blake and Mrs Deakin for some of the sessions.

**Miss Linwood**

# Local History



**Year 4 Learning Leaflet**

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## Our topic this term will focus on Local History in Ellesmere Port.

In **Science** this term, we will be focusing on Living things and their habitats. We will be looking at the 7 different characteristics of a living thing as well as having a look at our local environment and looking at the different living things we find, placing them into different categories.

This year, we will deliver Art and DT in blocks at the end of the half terms. In **Art** we will look at canal boats and how we can use watercolours to create certain effects. In **DT** we will develop our skills in textiles by looking at the structures of canals/boats. We will also get the chance to complete some art/DT when we visit Conway residential centre.



In **English** we will be focusing our learning around a book called The Snow Dragon by Vivian French. Throughout the term, we will focus on descriptive writing as well as writing poetry. Throughout the year, we will continue to develop our use of ambitious vocabulary, conjunctions, punctuation and openers.

In **Maths** we will be following the White Rose Maths scheme of work, which develops the children's fluency with number and their mastery at applying these skills to problems and puzzles. We will continue our work on multiplication and division. We will then move onto measurement looking at area then towards the end of the term we will begin to look at fractions. We will also continue to build on our recall of times tables.

Our **History and Geography** this term will be taught through our topic of Local History. We will learn about the history of Ellesmere Port, looking closely at the National Waterways boat museum and Thomas Telford (a civil engineer). We will develop our understanding of Canals and river formations and begin to understand how maps are structured.



In **R.E** we will be learning about Sikhism, in particular about the founder Guru Nanak. We will discuss the importance of Sikhism and read stories relating to the religion.

In **Music** we will have weekly sessions on a Friday afternoon. We will be following the Charanga theme which allows children to focus on each aspect of the musical curriculum. Our topic for this term focuses on an anti-bullying theme.

In **PE** we will be covering, Dance, Games and Gym. Miss Preugschat will teach PE on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Throughout the year, we will also continue to have the opportunity to participate in competitions.



In **French** we will continue to develop our skills in conversational French and learn about the culture.

In **Computing** we will be looking at Digital Media.