

# CLASS 4SR

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING THIS HALF TERM...



## WHAT IS LIFE LIKE IN CENTRAL AMERICA?

### Maths

Our main areas of study will be:

- Decimals
- Money
- Statistics
- Geometry
- Problem solving and Reasoning

Year 4 are expected to know their times table up to 12 x 12 by the end of the year. Your support at home will be greatly appreciated with helping your child learn their times tables. As there will be a national times table check at the end of year, we will continue having weekly tests to encourage progression.

### Science

In Science we will be continuing with 'All living things'. For this topic we will be creating classification keys and using them to identify animals and their characteristics. Your child's learning will be supported through practical activities and investigations.

### Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Discussion texts
- Narrative writing with a focus of science fiction
- Suspense writing
- Diary

We will be continuing with Read Write Inc and focusing on phonics. We will also be having daily grammar lessons.

### PSHE

In PSHE we will be focusing on 'Changing Me'. We will be learning about how our bodies change when we go through puberty.

### R.E.

In R.E. we will be focusing on 'How and why do believers show their commitment through the journey of life?' We will make connections between the messages of Jesus and their meanings.

### Computing/French

In computing we will be focusing on Handling Data. The children will learn how to create graphs and present data. In Key Stage 2, all children will have the opportunity to learn a second language taught by a specialist French teacher.

### Art

As part of our topic, we will be designing and creating a headdress for the Mardi Gras carnival.

### Geography

In geography we will be focusing on Central America. We will locate the countries and their capital cities in Central America, look at the physical and human aspects of Costa Rica and how these compare to Hull. We will look at the importance of Fair Trade and continue to develop our Digi Map skills.

### PE

Lessons will be on **Tuesday** afternoons. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts, and a plain white t-shirt. They will also need their outdoor kit of plain black joggers and sweatshirts, plus trainers are also required on this day, as wherever possible, PE lessons will take place outside. Please ensure your child's kit is **clearly labelled with their name**.

### Home Reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home on a daily basis. Home reading books will be sent home to support the Read Write Inc phonics and reading programme, plus a reading book of their choice from our class library to share with you to read for pleasure. Please sign the reading record when you have read these with your child and return them to school each day.

### Times Tables/Spellings

Times Tables and spellings will be set on **Mondays**. A short spelling test and times table test will be carried out the **following Monday**.

Please see myself at the end of the day if you have any questions or concerns.

Please feel free to email me on [srobinson@stjameshull.co.uk](mailto:srobinson@stjameshull.co.uk) should you have any issues or contact the school office if it is urgent.