

# Welcome Back Pearls

Welcome back Pearls. I hope you had a lovely Half Term and managed to find ways to enjoy your free time. I'm hoping that at some point this half term we will all be reunited at school but until then I will continue to hold the zoom meetings at 8.30am and 3pm each day.

In this letter you will find out about the learning you will be doing this half term, what our routine will be and any useful learning you could do at home to support this.

## Literacy

### **Reading**

Year 4 and 5 children are encouraged to be independent readers, but I would still encourage you to read regularly to an adult at home. This can be anything from novels to comics and non-fiction to newspapers!

### Writing

This half term much of our writing will be linked to our topic - We will be using the picture book 'The Raft' by Jim Lamarche and a video clip called Ruckus.

## Numeracy

**Fractions** - We will be continuing our unit on fractions by learning how to:

- Compare and order.
- Add and Subtract.
- Find fractions of amounts
- Problem solving
- Year 5 will also learn how to multiply fractions.

### **Decimals and Percentages:**

**Year 4:** We will begin by looking at tenths and hundredths as decimals and fractions, before moving on to dividing by 10 and 100.

**Year 5:** We will begin by recapping the link between decimals and fractions before moving on to thousandths, rounding decimals, ordering and comparing decimals and exploring the link with percentages.

*Helping at home* - Children learn so many skills for their Maths from their key facts, including multiplication tables. Please encourage your child to practise these skills **every day** for at least 10min using Times Tables Rock Stars, songs, games etc.... Please allow your child access to the internet, books and any other resources to find out information about our any aspect of the Mathematics topic they might like to research.

### **Topic**

Our Topic for this term continues to be 'USA Road Trip'. This topic will predominantly be Geography based but we will be linking elements of Art/ DT and Science.

We will continue this half term by locating the Mississippi River and plotting its course looking at some of the places it passes through. We will then make our way to Chicago and the great lakes before moving West looking at the physical and human attractions, weather and climate and the history involved as well as linking different areas to stories and pictures along the way before we make our final stop in California.

*Helping at home* - Please allow your child access to the internet, books and any other resources to find out information about USA and please share any photos/souvenirs you may have at home.

**Science** - Our science topic this term continues to be Earth and Space.

This half term we will be focussing on experiment and investigation.

Each week we will be completing an investigation with a space theme. I will include any resources you will need for the week in the previous weeks planning.

### **Other learning**

We will also be covering elements of PSHE, Music, computing, French and Art.

### **Home learning support**

If you require additional resources to support your child's learning please use the BBC Bitesize and Oak Academy websites.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Buriton Primary. If I can help in any way please contact me via email at: [c.evans@buriton.hants.sch.uk](mailto:c.evans@buriton.hants.sch.uk)

Kind Regards

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