

Important Dates

Tuesday 8th June – First day of school
Wednesday 9th June – Holiday Homework Celebration
Friday 25th June – Class photographs
Monday 28th June – Friday 2nd July – Health, Fun & Fitness Week
Friday 16th July – Reports go home
Friday 23rd July – Last day of school



Homework

Homework is posted on Google Classrooms on **Friday** and should be returned submitted on Google Classrooms by the following **Wednesday**. Homework consists of English and Maths tasks that consolidate their learning from the week or get them prepared for the coming week.

We also set spellings for the week that we practice in class each day. Children are tested on these on Friday. Lastly, we send home a sheet of handwriting for the children to practice on.

It is vital that your children complete all these different sections of homework.

Please support your child to do their homework on Google Classrooms if at all possible. Paper copies can be provided to those that need them.

Also, please practise the **times tables** with your child. As at the end of year, your children should know all their times tables. Please encourage your child to use the Timestable Rockstars app to support their timetables learning.

It is essential that your child **reads every day**. Reading is a fantastic way for your children to expand their vocabulary, increase their knowledge and improve their writing. They should complete in their Home Reading Journal at least 5 times a week and should bring it to school every day.

It is important that your child does their homework – please help them by making sure they have time to do it.



Year Four Mexico and Nicaragua Summer 2 2021 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a relaxing week and your children are happy to be back at school.

We have an exciting half term planned, full of fantastic learning. As a 'Rights Respecting' school, we will continue to thread children's rights through the curriculum, and we will continue to focus on well-being. We are looking forward to our special week this half-term, 'Health, Fun and Fitness'.

If you wish to talk to us about your child you should ring the office to let them know and we will then call you back.

Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times.

Warmest wishes,
The Year 4 team:
Ms Kennedy, Mrs Conway, Ms Seymour, Ms Ley, Ms Abiose

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Writing
We will start the term by writing newspaper reports based on 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We will then be doing non-fiction writing on 'Letting Go and Moving On' and then with a focus related to 'Health, Fun and Fitness Week'. We will have a week of a whole school focus on poetry. Finally, we will end with persuasive writing based on 'The Iron Man'.

Reading
We will continue with Destination Reader, a reading programme to develop our reading skills of **inference, prediction, clarifying, summarising, evaluating, asking questions and making connections** through our daily reading lessons.

Design & Technology
We will be combining our knowledge of structures and electricity (that we will be learning in science, to create our very own nightlights.

Skills Builder
We will be learning about the different biomes and the animals that live in them.

Mathematics
As mathematicians, we will be revisiting core concepts, focusing on different strands of mathematics each week. **Year 4 need to know all the times tables by the end of the year so help from home would be much appreciated.**

Writing and Reading
Newspaper Reports
Non-fiction
Poetry
Persuasive Writing

Computing
Photo Editing

D & T
Night Lights

Mathematics
Statistics
Perimeter
Area
Decimals
Money
Time
Shape
Positional Direction

Geography
We will be learning about plants and biomes and explore the role plants play in agriculture. We will then learn about the different ways humans use plants.

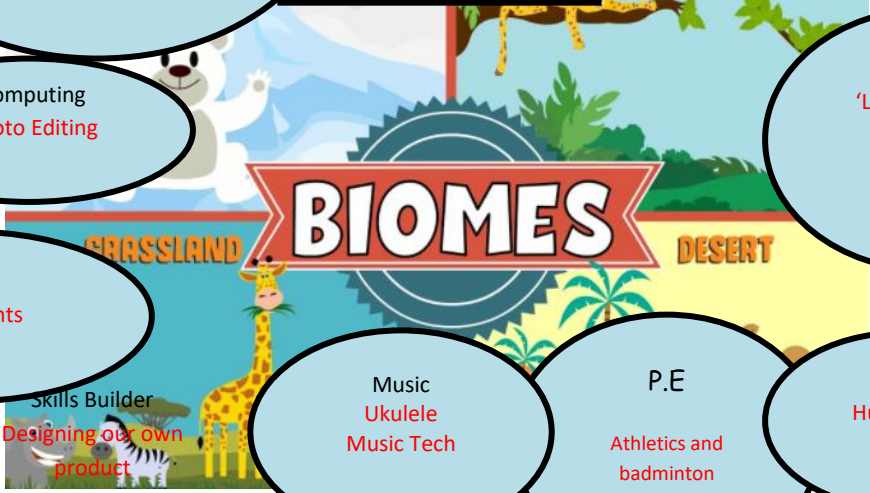
Geography
Biomes & Vegetation Belts

Science
As scientists, we will be learning electricity. This will include learning about the basic components of a simple circuit including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. We will then be creating simple circuits using these components and learning to draw diagrams of them accurately to represent the circuits we have made.

Electricity

PSHCE
'Letting Go and Moving On'

PSHCE
In PSHCE we will be continuing on our theme of 'Letting Go & Moving On'. We will also be learning about Sex and Relationships Education (SRE).



Music
Ukulele
Music Tech

P.E
Athletics and badminton

R.E.
Humanists

RE
We will be learning about Humanist values, how they decide what is right and wrong and how they celebrate important life stages.

Physical Education
Children must bring their **complete PE kit each day they do PE.**
Nicaragua: Monday (athletics) and Wednesday (badminton)
Mexico: Monday (athletics) and Tuesday (badminton)

Music
Nicaragua will learn the music technology this half-term. Mexico will be learning the ukulele.