

Year 4 - Spring Events

- Tuesday 26th January:** Information Session for parents of children coming to Hilltop, 6pm in School Hall
- Thursday 28th January:** Foodbank Collection
- Tuesday 9th February:** Safer Internet Day
- Friday 12th February:** European Day
- Friday 26th February:** PTA Quiz and Chips at CJS 7pm
- Monday 7th March:** Class Photographs
- 14th to 16th March:** Hilltop Residential Visit
- Thursday 17th March:** Book Fair
- Date to be advised:** Parent/Teacher Interviews

Homework

- Read every day for at least 20 minutes - reading to an adult is important as it allows the reader to develop fluency and accuracy and to talk about what they are reading. We believe that you are never too old or too good at reading to benefit from this.
- Learn the weekly spellings set by your child's class teacher. Going over these words once or twice a day will help your child to remember them, not just for a test but in their future work.
- Learn the maths facts and/or times tables set by your child's class teacher. These are important as they underpin all of the maths that your child will do in the rest of their time in education; knowing these facts will make it easier for your child to do maths, particularly as the ideas become more complex higher up the school and into high school.

If these activities are done regularly and thoroughly, it will make a big difference to your child's learning progress and confidence. There are also additional **optional** activities that your child can do if you wish, such as using *Mathletics* on a computer or researching a topic being studied in class.

Weekly Reminders

Monday	Bring in dinner money and menu choices. Hand in reading record. Spelling Tests Maths homework due in 4RD library books to change/renew
Wednesday	4KH & 4RD PE kits Maths homework set
Thursday	4KH library books to change/renew
Friday	4KH and 4RD Games/Swimming kit

Our topic this term is Stars and Stripes! (North America). We would encourage you to discuss this topic at home and see what extra information your children can find out to share in class.

Curriculum Overview

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Our curriculum has been designed to meet the requirements of the new National Curriculum (2014) whilst providing rich, meaningful and exciting learning opportunities for all children. Our aim is that our curriculum will inspire all children to develop a lifelong passion for learning.



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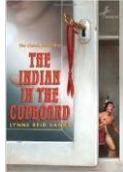
Tuesday 5th January - Thursday 24th March

Half Term: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

ENGLISH



Activities linked to the novel
The Indian in the Cupboard
and the book *Here I am*.



SPANISH



Where we live,
colours, classroom
objects, alphabet

ART/DT



Silhouettes
Pastel skylines
Sketching skills
Camouflage
Dream catchers

MATHS



Ordering and place value, mental
calculation strategies, classifying 2D & 3D
shapes, number puzzles, measuring length,
recording & calculating measurement, time
& co-ordinates, multiplications, fractions,
division. Big Maths weekly challenges.

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Stars and Stripes

SCIENCE



Electricity, Living
Things:
Habitats, Animals
including Humans

PE & GAMES



Gymnastics (Apparatus)
Games - football,
korfbal, swimming.
Athletics, striking and
fielding

PSHE



Growth Mindset.
Treating each other
fairly and school
council elections.

COMPUTING



Programming, e-
safety and data
handling.

TOPIC

Discovering North America
Christopher Columbus.

Different tribes and regions of Native
America

Physical and Social Geography of modern
day North America

MUSIC



Learning music theory through
Charanga Scheme, reading music
and playing tuned percussion.
Singing, accompanying and
composing songs inspired by
Native America.