

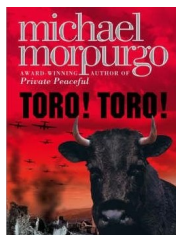


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**English:**

Our core class text this half term is Toro Toro by Michael Morpurgo. It links to our geography topic 'Spain' and this story will provide an opportunity to investigate some Spanish vocabulary and what life is/was like in Spain. The children will build upon their knowledge of punctuation and grammar from the Autumn term and we will be writing diary entries. The class will take part in weekly whole class reading comprehension lessons linked to the text. During these sessions pupils will have the opportunity to discuss rich vocabulary and apply their comprehension skills.



**General Introduction:**

I hope you all managed to have a good Christmas break. Welcome back to another busy half term in Class 4. We have planned many interesting activities for your children to ensure that they are engaged and make good progress throughout the curriculum. We will be starting this off with our Spanish Day on 6.1.22. If there is anything that you wish to discuss please feel free to contact me.

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**Weekly schedules:**

Our schedule will include PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday so please ensure a suitable PE kit is worn on these days. Mrs Morris will continue to teach the class on Wednesday mornings and PPA will be covered on Wednesday afternoons by a specialist PE teacher and Mrs Patel.

**Mathematics:**

This half term children will continue to concentrate on the multiplication and division operations. The expectation is that children know all their tables up to 12X12 by the end of Year 4 and this will help them with these methods. Mrs Morris will continue to alternate her Wednesday lesson on maths investigations and basic skills. Throughout all these conceptual areas, pupils will have the opportunity to practice their problem solving and reasoning skills, in familiar and unfamiliar contexts.

**PE:**

On a Tuesday the pupils will have a PE lesson taught by myself.

PE with Exposure Sport will be taught on a Wednesday afternoon.

**RE:**

This half term the children will be looking at the religion of Judaism again, with a focus on "Passover". They will investigate Jewish food laws (Kashrut) and how this helps Jews show God they value their special relationship with Him.

**Science:**

We will finish our sound topic over the first few weeks and then we will move onto electricity. During this unit the class will learn about: how electricity is produced; using electricity safely; making circuits and using switches. They will experiment and investigate circuits to see the changes when more bulbs or battery cells are added.



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**Geography:**

Throughout the Autumn term the class will be using maps and atlases to locate Europe and the European countries. The focus will then be on Spain. The children will research Spain and investigate reasons why tourists would want to visit Spain. They then continue to compare a Spanish town with Waddesdon. This topic will continue in Spring 2.

**MFL:**

French will be taught by Mr Mitchener on Thursday mornings. He will be following the Rigolo scheme of French work, which continues in Spring 1 with a unit called "Les Fetes"

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**DT & Art:**

The children will make torches using their electricity knowledge.

**PSHE:**

At the beginning of term we will revisit our "Growth Mindset" ideas to continue to encourage a positive learning attitude in the classroom. For the rest of this half term, pupils will continue to follow the Jig Saw scheme of work. The unit is called "Dreams and Goals" and the pupils will be learning about opportunities and disappointment, positive attitudes and working as a team towards shared goals.

**Music:**

The Charanga music scheme will be followed. This half term the children will follow a unit called "Stop". This will involve singing rap songs, and creating their own compositions of rap songs and performing to each other.

**Important Dates:**

Thursday 6th January—Spanish Day  
Wednesday 2nd –Friday 4th February—  
Woodrow

**Computing:**

This half term the children will continue with coding as well as learning how to use Spreadsheets. They will use formulas, line graphs and other tools with a Purple Mash programme.

**How you can support your child at home:**

As before, children will be receiving home learning every Friday which is due in the following Tuesday. Home learning will be linked to what they are learning in Maths and English. Please continue to encourage your children to reach the other homework expectations: Reading at least 4 times a week as well as Bug Club, practise times tables and use TT Rock Stars/Numbots 3 times a week to access the activities; and finally to keep working on the Year 3 and 4 spelling list regularly. We will be re-launching our Reading Rocket scheme in Class 4 which enables the children to read texts with rich vocabulary.

**Final word:**

I just want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support as we work through these challenging and ever changing times! The children have settled back into school so well and we are looking forward to our trip to Woodrow next month!  
We are not holding whole school assemblies but we are holding assemblies within our class so if there are any achievements that your children would like to share with us please email them into the school office and we can celebrate them in our assembly time.