

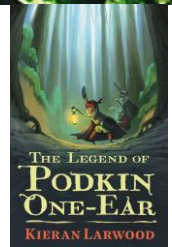
# Autumn Term One, Year 4

## Welcome from Phase Lead

Welcome to Year 4. We hope you are ready for a fun filled year of learning. As part of our first topic, ***Is it a party in the USA?*** we will be learning about what life is like in different North American states, discovering local history, famous landmarks, physical features and local culture.

If you have any questions during the term, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

## We are reading...



## English

This half term we will be using the chapter book *The Legend of Podkin One-Ear* to inspire our writing. We will be collecting adventurous vocabulary from the text to help us write character descriptions, diary entries and a biography of Podkin himself.

## Important Dates

W/C 18<sup>th</sup> September – Clubs start

W/C 9<sup>th</sup> October – Final week of clubs

W/C 16<sup>th</sup> October – Times table practice assessments

## Science

In our science lessons this half term, we are going to be learning about electricity. We will be exploring electrical circuits and discovering the components needed to create them. We will also be investigating which materials are conductors and which are insulators.

## Maths

Throughout this half term, we will be learning to identify and represent 4-digit numbers in a variety of ways, as well as ordering and comparing them. Following this, we will be learning to use the column method to solve addition and subtraction calculations and applying these skills to a range of problems.





## Geography/History

During our geography lessons this half term, we will discover the countries and states located in North America. We will be learning what life is like in different North American states and will use maps to locate famous landmarks and physical features. In history, we will be learning how Britain first discovered America and what life was like in Native America compared to today.

## Art/DT

In art, we will be studying the work of Andy Warhol and carefully observing how he uses contrasting colours in his work to make it stand out. We will discover the pop art movement and will use our knowledge of contrasting colours and brand logos to design and create a two colour print inspired by Andy Warhol.

## Music

During our music lessons, we will be identifying the structure and layers within pieces of music. We will be using body percussion to create our own musical rhythms and will work in small groups to build our own compositions.

## PSHE

As part of our PSHE topic this half term, Being Me in my World, we will be establishing classroom rules, setting ourselves goals and considering how our actions and choices affect others.

## Computing

## PE

On Wednesdays and Fridays children are invited to come into school wearing their P.E kits ready for their P.E lessons..

This half term, the children will be focussing on improving their fitness and learning how to play netball.