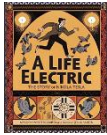




Year 4 Newsletter
Miss Gudgin and Mr Knightley
Autumn Term 1 2023

<u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>
<p>We will be studying the biography 'A Life Electric. The Story of Nikola Tesla' by Azadeh Westergaard. Through this we will analyse the techniques of a biography, before writing our own in the same style.</p>  <p>Whole Class Reading</p>  <p>In our WCR lessons, we will learn and practice a wide range of reading skills to develop our understanding of the written word. The text we will be mainly focusing our skills on this half term is 'Double Felix' by Sally Harris. This text also explores themes of SEND and Autism awareness.</p>	<p>At NWPNA we follow Power Maths, during autumn 1 our maths topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Place value - Addition and subtraction  <p>We will also complete timed multiplication checks twice a week, as well as additional sessions to focus on times table skills.</p> <p>It is essential that children know their times tables facts to help with their maths learning. At the end of year 4 children will also sit a statutory multiplication table check test. More information about this can be found at: www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check</p>
<u>History/Geography/Science/ P.E.</u>	<u>Other Information</u>
<p>History</p> <p>In History this term we will be looking at 'Mining' with a focus on the Victorian period and the Industrial Revolution. This topic will flow through the whole of the Autumn term. We are planning a trip for this topic (a letter will be sent out soon with more information about this).</p> <p>Geography</p> <p>In Geography this term we will be exploring 'UK Regions and Resources' We will look at how the UK has developed over time to maximise on our resources eg. counties, rivers, settlements, mining, cities, transport etc.</p> <p>Science</p> <p>In science we will be studying 'Electricity', during this topic we will be looking at and experimenting with: building circuits, conductors, how electricity is used, clean energy and how to stay safe.</p> <p>P.E.</p> <p>Our PE days will be: Miss Gudgin's class – Monday (outside) and Wednesday (inside) Mr Knightley's class – Monday (outside) and Friday (inside)</p> <p>We ask that children continue to come school in their correct PE kits on these days. Children with earrings will need to be able to remove them, themselves to participate.</p>	<p>Homework</p> <p>Reading</p> <p>I will allocate individual reading time throughout the week alongside our whole class guided reading sessions. Please make sure your child is also reading at home, you can add your child's video to their Dojo portfolio to earn extra Dojos.</p> <p>Spellings will be set on spelling shed every week and tested the following week. Children will have time in class to practise spelling. Please make sure these are also practiced at home, to support development.</p> <p>Times Tables will be set weekly on TT Rockstars. Children should spend at least 30minutes a week on this to help them prepare for their multiplications check in the summer. The 'Soundcheck' function is particularly useful for this as it is timed, as the test will be at the end of the year.</p> <p>Please check our Dojo page for other information throughout the term as this will function as our main form of communication with you about any upcoming events etc.</p> <p>We are looking forward to welcoming the children back into class for another fantastic year!</p>