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Dear Parents/carers,

This half term our topic is "Beyond the Magic Kingdom: What is the sunshine state really like?". This enquiry is designed to enable pupils to gain an understanding of the physical and human geographical features of a region in North America with which they can begin to compare and contrast the characteristics of a region of the United Kingdom. Please look at the topic grid for all our subject content for this half term.

Reading: Please continue to read with your child and encourage them to read several times a week. Please remember to sign your child's reading chart in their homework book so they can continue to collect reading miles.

Numbots: Please continue to remind your child to be completing Numbots. This supports the children in their knowledge of key arithmetic facts from Y1 up to Y4. Your child should be making good progress with this now as they are in moving into the Summer term and preparing for their transition into Y4. If there are any problems with accessing Numbots at home please speak to your child's class teacher.
<https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/29866>

Times Table Practice: Moving into the Summer term and thinking about transition to Y4, it's essential that your child does a little bit of times table practice every night. We have now taught the children the 2s, 5s, 4s, 8s, 3s and square numbers. Short bursts of daily practice are more effective than spending hours once a week. For your child to be fully motivated and for them to get the best out of the practice, they need your help. Without your praise and your reminders, without you sitting down next to them or checking their work, practising times tables will not feel important to your child.
<https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student/29866>

PE: PE will continue to be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school including a navy blue hoodie/jumper, navy blue/black tracksuit bottoms, navy/black shorts, white t-Shirt and trainers. Children are not allowed to wear earrings during PE so we will request that they remove them or cover them with micro-pore tape which needs to be provided from home.

Homework: Homework will continue to be set in class on Mondays and is due the following Monday when we will mark the homework as a class. The children will have one maths task and one reading task to complete. Please ensure that they are encouraged and supported to do this.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Miss Wadey and Miss Thomas