## Novel Study

Due to the level of engagement from the children, we will be continuing to use 'A Place Called Perfect' for the majority of this half term. We will focus on improving our fluency, inference and comprehension skills by completing a range of exciting activities.

Towards the end of the half term, we will explore different forms of poetry and allow the children to perform these in class.

#### **Maths**

In Maths, we are moving onto fractions whilst also continuing to develop our reasoning and problem-solving skills. We will also be focusing on multi-step problems involving all four of the operations.

Remember: By the end of Year 4, children should be able to recall all multiplication and division facts up to  $12 \times 12$ .

### Science

We will be completing a unit of work based around electricity. This will include:

- Identifying which appliances use electricity
- Constructing simple circuits
- Naming the elements needed in a circuit
- Recognising common conductors and insulators

# Sustainable Energy

### PE

This half term we will be focusing on orienteering, using directions and maps to help us to solve puzzles involving different areas of our school environment.

# **Philosophy**

In our P4C lessons, we will be tackling current issues regarding:

- E-Safety
- Climate change
- Habitat loss
- Technology developments

#### Art

This term, we will be completing an artist study on Salvador Dali focusing on his style of surrealism. We will use some of his techniques to create our own piece of striking and bizarre artwork.

#### **Homework**

This term, the homework grid will have a range of activities relating to our theme of 'Sustainable Energy'. We encourage children to complete an activity which directly links to our learning that week.

The children will be rewarded with Dojo points when they hand in their book.

### Design and Technology

We are going to design and create a battery-operated torch using our new knowledge from our science learning.

# Y4 Spring Term Newsletter

#### Important dates for your diary:

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Monday 9th March - Thursday 12th March - Science Week

Thursday 12th March - Visitors from America in Y4

Friday 13th March - Sport Relief Day

Tuesday 31st March - Y4 Attendance and House Points Reward

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Easter Service

Friday 3rd April - School closes for Easter

Monday 20th April - School reopens for pupils

Tuesday 21st April - Y4 Trip to MAGNA



#### <u>Spellings</u>

Spelling techniques are taught within lessons. Children will be sent home with a list of words associated to a spelling rule on a Monday. They will then be tested on a selection of these words on Friday. Please encourage your child to practice their spellings each week!

#### <u>PE</u>

Class 9's PE will be on a Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon.

Class 10's PE will be on a Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon.

Appropriate kits are expected to be in school on these days as both are important and enjoyable parts of the curriculum. **REMINDER**: Children's P.E. kits **should consist of blue or black shorts**, a white t-shirt and trainers or pumps. Tracksuit bottoms are optional during colder weather.