

Year 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas holiday, and your child is ready to continue their hard work in their second term in Year 4. I can't believe how quickly this year is going. It obviously means we're having lots of fun in Year 4.

R.E

In RE this term, our focus is 'Sikhism'. We will learn about how Sikhs use the Gurdwara as a place of worship, explore the importance of the Langar (kitchen) in the Gurdwara and learn about the Sikhs holy book the Guru Granth Sahib. We will also be looking at the Easter Story.



English

In English this term we will be focussing on developing the children's writing skills through a variety of genres, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. The children will focus on using expanded noun phrases, figurative language and using different types of sentence openers. They will also continue to practise using dialogue in their writing. The class texts for this term are 'Pirates and Pistols' by Chris Mould and 'The Bear and the Piano' by David Litchfield. We hope that these will enthuse, especially as they link to our two topics for the term.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be focussing on Multiplication and Division. First, we will learn to multiply a 2-digit number by a 1 digit, then we will progress by learning to multiply a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number. After that, we will learn to divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number and divide numbers with a remainder.

Alongside this we will be focussing on consolidating their quick recall of times table facts to 12x in preparation for the Year 4 multiplication check — TTRockstars is a great way of doing this.

PE

We will be having PE on a Monday and Wednesday this term.



Children will need to come into school wearing their PE kits (no football shirts/kit will be permitted). Please note that where possible children will participate in PE, and many other lessons, outside, therefore a warm coat and appropriate clothing is essential.

Topic

Our cross-curricular theme for the first half term will be 'Blue Abyss'. This topic allows the children to explore an amazing underwater world and learn about mysterious sea creatures and the oceans they live in.

For the second part of the term our topic is 'Playlist'. This is a great topic. The children find out about instruments, the sounds that they make and how they are produced. They discover sounds and investigate which travel the furthest.

Homework

Learning Logs- Each half-term your child will be required to complete three tasks relating to their current topic. These tasks will be sent home at the beginning of each term and completed and returned to school at the end of the half term.

TTRS & Spelling Shed — your child should have log on details for these. It is important that they log on regularly, preferably daily to support their times table knowledge and spelling. Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested in school on the following Friday.

Reading Records — reading books can be changed on Monday, and Friday. We will check reading records on these days and will require a signature in their reading record from a parent or guardian to show that they are reading at home. Please ensure that your child reads the book from school, however they can also read books of their choice as well.

If you have any problems or concerns and wish to speak to me, or a member of the Year 4 team, then please contact the school office where we will be able to phone you back.

Best Wishes,

Miss Compton and Mrs Towe