

Year 4 Spring Newsletter



Dear Parents / Guardians,



Welcome back! We wish you all a Happy New Year that is Covid free! We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for our generous, thoughtful gifts and cards. We really appreciate it!

This letter will give you an outline of some of the learning we will be covering in class this term. We have some exciting topics planned and can't wait to get started!

English

The book we will be reading and using in our English lessons this term is 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. We have chosen this text as it ties in with our History topic this half term – Anglo-Saxons. We will focus on both non-fiction and fiction writing, including character and setting descriptions, identifying and extending ambitious vocabulary and factual accounts of Anglo-Saxon life. We will continue to teach a range of grammar skills including punctuation, developing vocabulary, using a wide range of sentence structures and building up the children's stamina for writing. Underpinning all of this, we will continue to teach the children how to proof-read and edit their work, both for sense and to improve their writing further.

Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Monday after we have taught the rule. Please support your child in learning the spelling rule and the common exception words which are really important.

Maths

We will be covering a wide range of maths topics this term. This will include revising and consolidating some of the things the children have already worked on, as well as learning and developing new skills and knowledge. Below is a guide of what we will be covering in class. As you are aware, the children will sit a Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in the summer term. This is a statutory requirement for all Year 4 pupils and it is crucial that the children know all of their times tables up to 12 X 12 and can instantly recall them in any order for this test. To prepare the children for this, we will be carrying out regular tests and request that you help your child practise them as often as possible.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Number Multiplication & division VIEW			Measurement Area VIEW	Number Fractions VIEW			Number Decimals VIEW			Consolidation	

Spring term		
Weeks		
1-3	Multiplication and division	11 and 12 times-table Multiply 3 numbers Factor pairs Efficient multiplication Written methods Multiply 2-digits by 1-digit Divide 2-digits by 1-digit
4	Measurement: Area	What is area? Counting squares Making shapes Comparing area
5-8	Number: Fractions	Unit and non-unit fractions What is a fraction? Tenths Count in tenths Equivalent fractions Fractions greater than 1 Count in fractions Add fractions Add 2 or more fractions
9-11	Number: Decimals	Recognise tenths and hundredths Tenths as decimals Tenths on a place value grid Tenths on a number line Divide 1-digit by 10 Divide 2-digits by 10 Hundredths Hundredths as decimals Hundredths on a place value grid Divide 1 or 2-digits by 100
12	Consolidation	

History

In History this term we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. Already, the children are very excited by this topic and really enjoyed sharing their most interesting fact with the rest of the class. Some of the facts the children shared even educated and surprised the Year 4 teachers! We will be making these lessons as cross-curricular as possible to engage the children in subjects such as: art, ICT and DT. Please look out for a letter about our Anglo-Saxon special day which will be just before half-term.



Science

Our topic in Science this term is Sound. Some of the objectives we will cover are:

- Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating
- Recognise that vibrations from a sound travel through a medium to the ear
- Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it



Music

Every Monday during our planning time (PPA), Mrs Wood will be teaching Music using a variety of instruments.

Computing

Our computing topic this term is - *We are musicians – producing digital music*. We will be using the app – Garage Band to produce digital music. Also, some of our computing time will be used to prepare the

children for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). In March, schools will be issued with access to the official MTC website and we will be getting the children used to using this site. **Maths Frame website is very similar to the MTC test so we would strongly recommend the children practise using this website regularly.**

PE

PE will take place on Tuesday and Friday for both classes. We have specialist coaches in this term to teach Hockey and Gymnastics. Please ensure that the children wear the correct school PE kit. This is navy/black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and their house colour t-shirt.

Please ensure your child's hair is tied back and their earrings are covered or removed.



French

In French, the children will learn about fruit and vegetables and animals. A large focus will be on oracy and writing simple phrases.

Art

We will cover many art skills this term. The main focus will be sketching.

RE

The topics we will be covering in RE this term are: Judaism - Passover and Christianity - Easter.

Homework

Homework will be set weekly on a Monday and due in on the next Monday. Each week, there will be a spelling and one other task to complete. In addition to this, we expect the children to be reading daily and practising their times tables.

Covid-19:

We have put some work on Google Classroom for any children who are advised to self-isolate but are not unwell. This will be updated weekly and will be in line with what we are doing at school, where possible. You can find this in the 'Classwork' tab, under 'Home Learning'. Children are not expected to complete work at home if they are ill.

We look forward to a fun packed term!

Thank you for all your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Kaynak and Mrs Bradshaw ☺

