

Year 4 Summer Newsletter



Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back! We have finally recovered from our sleep deprived residential – ha ha! 😊 Despite this, we had a fantastic trip and we will treasure the memories forever!

This newsletter will give you an outline of some of the things we will be covering in class this term. We have some really exciting learning to cover and are equally sad it will be the last term with our classes. 😊

English

This term for English, we will be exploring a diverse book entitled, 'One plastic bag'. This is based on a true story about a lady called Isatou Ceesay from Njau, Gambia. She worked tirelessly to find solutions to the growing plastic pollution problems.

We will focus on both non-fiction and fiction writing, including research and factual pieces of writing, character and setting descriptions and identifying and extending ambitious vocabulary. 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. Proof reading and editing will continue to be taught, 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. Below is a guide of what we will be covering in class. In June, children will sit the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). As you know, this is a statutory requirement from this academic year and it is **crucial** that the children know **all** of their times tables up to 12 X 12 for this test. It is great to see many children know all their times tables. However, there are still a significant number of children who are still not close to this stage. It is absolutely vital that they practise **DAILY**.

Some of the ways they can practise are: Times Table Rock Stars, MathsFrame Multiplication Check, Timestables.co.uk, write them out and chant etc.

Summer term	Number	Measurement	Measurement	Statistics	Geometry	Geometry Position & direction	Consolidation
	Decimals	Money	Time		Properties of shape		
	VIEW	VIEW	VIEW	VIEW	VIEW	VIEW	

Spring term		
Weeks		
1-2	Decimals	Make a whole Write decimals Compare decimals Order decimals Round decimals Halves and quarters
3-4	Money	Pounds and pence Ordering money Estimating money Convert pounds and pence Add money Subtract money Find change Four operations
5-6	Time	Telling the time to 5 minutes Telling the time to the minute Using a.m. and p.m. 24-hour clock Hours, minutes and seconds Years, months, weeks and days Analogue to digital - 12 hour Analogue to digital - 24 hour
7	Statistics	Interpret charts Comparison, sum and difference Introducing line graphs Line graphs
8-10	Properties of Shape	Turns and angles Right angles in shapes Compare angles Identify angles Compare and order angles Recognise and describe 2-D shapes Triangles Quadrilaterals Horizontal and vertical Lines of symmetry Complete a symmetric figure
11	Geometry – position and direction	Describe position Draw on a grid Move on a grid Describe movement on a grid
12	Consolidation	

Science

Our topic in Science this term is – ‘Animals including humans’. Some of the objectives we will cover are:



- Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans
- Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions
- Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

Geography:

In Geography this term, our topic is the UK. We will be comparing 2 regions within the UK by carrying out lots of research and identifying similarities and differences.

Computing

Some of our computing time will be used to prepare the children for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). We now have access to the official MTC website and we will be getting the children used to using this site. At other times, we will be using our sessions for research about the topics we are learning about this term.

PE

PE will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays for both classes until Week 4. We will be covering Rounders and a specialist coach will be in to teach Athletics. On Monday 9th May we will start our swimming block. There will be 3 sessions before and 3 sessions after the May Half Term. We will require parent helpers to walk with us there and back. More details will be provided on a separate swimming letter.



Please ensure that the children wear the correct school PE kit. **Please ensure your child's hair is tied back and their earrings are covered or removed.**

French

In French, the children will learn about family and time and body parts. A large focus will be on oracy and writing simple phrases.

PSHE:

In the first half term, will we be focusing on relationships. In the second half term, we will be covering the topic ‘Changing me’. A letter outlining what will be taught in this topic will be sent at the end of this half term.

Art

We will cover many art skills this term. The big focus will be recycled art.



RE

The topics we will be covering in RE this term are:

Judaism – Beliefs and practices
Christianity – Prayer and worship

Homework

Homework will be set weekly on a Monday and due in on the next Monday. Each week, there will be a spelling and another 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, engaging term!

Thank you for all your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Kaynak and Mrs Bradshaw 😊