

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you have had a restful break and we are looking forward to another productive and fun half term. We are really looking forward to reading our class text, *Ice Palace*. This is always a popular book that really engages the children. PE will continue to be on a Tuesday for 4MJ as they will be working with the Leeds United coach and 4PB and 4HS will have their PE on a Friday. They will be working on keeping their body and mind healthy. **There will be no swimming on Friday 22nd of December and Friday 12th of January.**

Maths

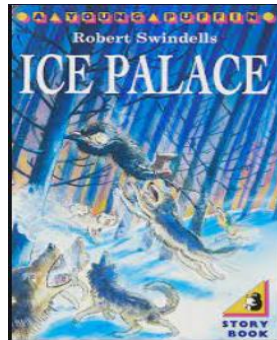
In Maths, we will be looking at multiplication and division. The children will continue to learn their times tables. They will then go on to learn the formal method of multiplication and division. Please continue to practise times tables at home as this will be invaluable to them this term.

English

Our text this half term is called '*Ice Palace*' by Robert Swindells. We have started reading it this week and the children are already engaged and excited about it. The children will write informal letters and setting descriptions. We will also do some non-fiction writing based on our history topic 'Ancient Romans'.

Computing/DT

Our computing is focused around data collection. Children will consider what data is and how it is collected. They will also collect their own data using a digital device and how to find information from data that is collected.



Science

Our science topic this half term is 'States of Matter'. Children will explore the different states and their properties. Children will develop their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases and learn about new concepts such as evaporation and condensation.

History/Geography

In History, we will be learning about the Ancient Romans. We will look at how the Roman Empire was formed, why the Romans were so successful and how they conquered most of Europe as well as the impact they had on Britain.

RE/PSHE

In RE, we are learning about the different faith groups in our community and their various places of worship. The theme of our PSHE lessons is 'relationships'. We will look at different types of relationships we belong to.

PE/Music

In Music, we are learning the lyrics and rhythm to a hip-hop anti-bullying rap called 'Stop! The children will compose their own verse to be incorporated into the rap and perform it at the end of term. In PE, they will choreograph their own dance routine.

Our Place in 'Our' World

In PSHE, we will explore the different relationships that we belong to. We will understand how people feel when they lose someone or something that they love.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

We will explore what made the Romans so successful.

Healthy and Happy Living

Year 4 will continue to focus on their dance fundamentals. Children will also learn about the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle and how to form and keep healthy relationships with family and friends.

Inquisitive Investigators

Children will carry out a range of investigations exploring the process of evaporation and condensation. They will observe these processes over time.

Important information:

- PE will be on a Friday for 4HS and 4PB. It will continue to be on a Tuesday for 4MJ and they will be working with the Leeds United coach. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct PE uniform.
- Learning logs have now been sent home and are due in on Tuesday 19th December.
- School is closed Wednesday 29th November and Friday 22nd December for training days.
- **There is no swimming on Friday 22nd December or Friday 12th January.**
- We break up for the holidays on Thursday 21st December 2023.
- More details will follow shortly about our Christmas song and our Christmas Craft session.