



Year 4 Newsletter: Spring 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

On behalf of the Year 4 team, we would like to wish everybody a Happy New Year! We hope your children have managed to settle into the New Year well and we are looking forward to getting started with some high quality teaching and learning. Below is an overview of what the children will be learning this half-term, along with some important information.

Maths

In Year 4, our maths curriculum this half term will be based on multiplication and division. The children will learn how to multiply and divide using formal and informal methods and apply their learning to a range of fluency and reasoning problems. In addition to this, we will also be learning about measurement and solving problems involving various units of measurement. We will continue to practise our times tables.

English

In English, we will start our half term by using the text 'Libba' as it links closely with our Science topic of Sound. Whilst studying this book, Year 4 will have the opportunity to participate in high quality discussions, write a biography and create their own poetry.

Computing

In computing, our topic this half term is the internet. We will explore networks, how to stay safe online and how to share content in a safe, appropriate way. Children will be learning the importance of privacy when using different platforms and the difference between the internet and the World Wide Web.



Science

In Science, our topic this half term is Sound. Children will explore sound through practical work. They will learn how sound travels through the ear. Children will have the opportunity to find patterns between the pitch of a sound and the features of the object that produced it.

History/Geography

In Geography, Year 4 will explore climate zones. This topic will explore different countries of the world looking at lines of latitude and longitude. Children will explore the differences between temperate and tropical climate zones and identify the hemispheres.

RE/PSHE

In RE, Year 4 will learn about the significance of 'The Five Pillars' in the Islamic faith. During PHSE, we will be learning about identity, social and democracy. We will look at how a democracy works and look into laws and policies.

PE/Music

In PE, Year 4 will be practising the skills of throwing and catching including using their body to catch. During Music, Year 4 will have the opportunity to create their own compositions using glockenspiels.

Our Place in 'Our' World.

Children will have the opportunity to learn about the importance of mutual respect and how this fundamental for celebrating equality and diversity. Year 4 will learn the ways in which people are different and how to behave in a respectful way.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

As 'Aspiring Entrepreneurs, Year 4 will develop leadership and management skills within their P.E lessons. Children will have the opportunity to learn what it takes to be a good leader and how these skills can be transferred into adulthood.

Healthy and Happy Living

Children will learn the importance of physical activity within PE and how it is important to maintain an active and physical lifestyle.

Inquisitive Investigators

As 'Inquisitive Investigators, Year 4 will have an opportunity to take part in a science workshop, where they will have the opportunity to make their own instrument and develop knowledge of the hearing system.

Important information:

- Our PE lessons this half term will now take place on a Friday morning for 4MJ and 4HS. Please ensure that children come to school on Friday **already dressed** in their PE kit, which they will wear for the full day. 4PB will be working with the Leeds United coach on Tuesdays for their PE.
- Swimming will take place on **Friday mornings**. Please ensure your child comes 'swimming ready'. Please remember if your child cant take part in swimming you need to let reception know the reason why and provide a medical note.
- Spelling practise will be sent home on a Friday. Children should keep their spellings until Friday, as they should practise throughout the week, they should also be regularly logging on to Spelling Shed to practise their assigned spellings. A Maths homework will also be sent home on Fridays and should be returned the following Friday.
- Spelling and Times Tables Rockstars tests will be on a Friday
- Children will receive a carton of milk at break times if this has been paid for. Children may bring a named water bottle, which can be stored in the classroom.
- If you have any concerns, then please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Swain who is the Department Lead.

Thank you for your continued support 😊