

# Year 4

## Spring 1 Newsletter

### 2021

Well, here we are again in a national lockdown..... Firstly, a big 'Thank-you' and very well done to all the families that have been able to join our live lessons so far each morning. We do understand how hard this can be. Maybe your household only has one device for everyone to access remote learning, maybe you have poorly members of your household, maybe you have people trying to work from home themselves. Whatever your situation, we hope to be able to support you.

If children are able to access the live lessons for English and Maths each day, they will have a better understanding of the tasks for each lesson. We're trying to upload the slides used for those lessons too, so if your child hasn't been able to join us live, they can work through the slides before they complete the task. Many of the topic activities will be independent tasks, but we are hoping to get afternoon live lessons for several of these subjects too.

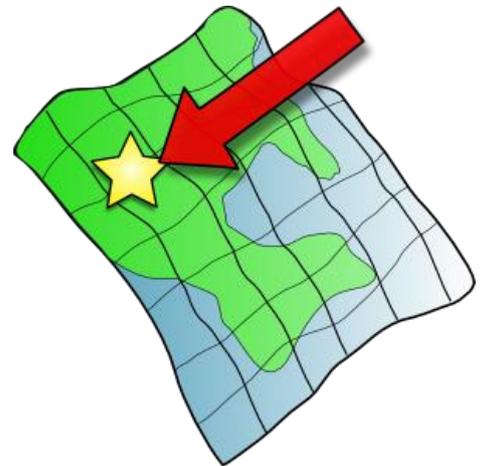
Please bear with us if we haven't got the correct things organised, or the live lesson doesn't share correctly, or we don't answer your requests promptly. We're learning how to deliver remote learning alongside classroom teaching. Fingers crossed, we will get better at it as the weeks go on!

#### **Our Changing Area**

This half term we will be teaching different subjects through the topic "Our Changing Area". This topic will include history and geography. We will take a close look at the human and physical features of our local area and we will be comparing different maps to see how the land use has changed.

The children will learn how our local area has changed since 1800. In particular, we want to find out how the Industrial Revolution changed our city, and how people lived in the past.

Finally, in Art we will be learning about local artist Barbara Hepworth who was born in Wakefield.



#### **English**

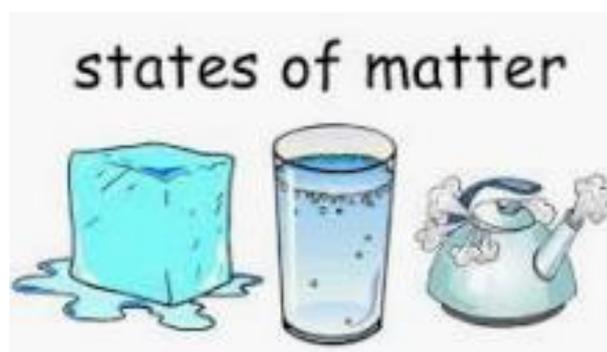
Our English unit focusses on reading 'Sita, Snake - Queen of Speed' by Franziska G. Ewart. We will be teaching reading and writing skills through this book. The children will learn about 'idioms' and how to use them in their writing as well as focusing on how we use conjunctions (when, if, because, that, although) to form subordinate clauses.

## Maths

We will start the term looking at multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100, before moving onto learning shorter methods for multiplication and division. We will then look at graphs and charts in the statistics unit towards the end of the half term. Please continue to practice reading clock face times at home, as one of the expected standards for Year 4 is to tell the time to the nearest minute, in both 12-hour and 24-hour format. Of course, the times tables facts also need work, as all children need to recall all the division facts, as well as the multiplication facts, up to  $12 \times 12$  by the end of Year 4. Please remind your children to use 'Times Tables Rockstars' to help learn them.

## Science

Our new science topic is called "States of Matter". We will be covering lots of science, by exploring different materials in our world and investigating the different state (solid, liquid or gas) that they are in. We will start this topic by comparing a traditional balloon filled with air, a balloon filled with water and a water balloon that's been frozen overnight.



## P.E kit

Children in school need to bring the correct kit. P.E uniform is a white, round-necked T- Shirt with blue shorts or blue track suit bottoms or black leggings. Please make sure all items are clearly labelled. This half term our units are Dance and Netball.

Children should tie back long hair and not wear jewellery in P.E., for safety reasons.

If you have any questions about the activities in Year 4 please ask your child's class teacher.

The Year 4 Team:

Teachers: Mrs Boyd and Miss Davison

Support staff: Mrs Flory and Miss Bateman