

Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 2

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to school. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable half term. We are looking forward to another exciting half term ahead.

English

Our English unit focusses on reading 'Sita, Snake - Queen of Speed' by Franzeska G. Ewart. We will be teaching reading and writing skills through studying this book. The children will learn about 'idioms' and how to use them in their writing, as well as focusing on how we use subordinate conjunctions (eg. when, if, because, that, although). The work will continue to develop the use fronted adverbials in different ways and for different purposes, as well as consolidating the use of expanded noun phrases and conjunctions.

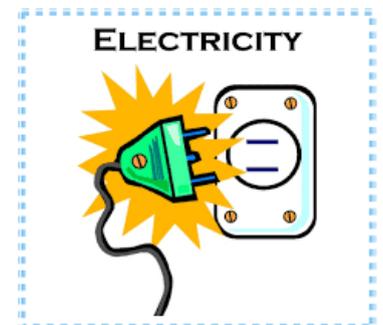
Maths

Please continue to help your child to learn all of their times tables. By the end of Year 4, we hope the children will know all of the times table facts, up to 12×12 , including the corresponding divisions, ready for the government's Multiplication Tables Check in June. Times Table Rock Stars helps so much with this. We have a few more children working at the top speed who currently have the Rock Status of Rock Hero. Thank you also for your continued support with using the 24-hour clock at home.

This half-term, we will begin with the very tricky unit on fractions: mixed numbers, improper fractions, fractions along a numberline, equivalent fractions and then adding and subtracting fractions. We will finish the half term with a unit on decimals: tenths as decimals and hundredths as decimals.

Electricity Topic (Science/DT)

We are starting a unit on "Electricity". The children will be learning about all the different types of components that can be used in electrical circuits. They will be devising a number of science experiments, such as investigating the effects of different materials in an electric circuit. We'll also have a go at creating a 'press switch' and a 'sliding switch' and demonstrate the effect this has in breaking/completing any circuits that are created. They will also research and present their findings on how a light bulb works.



Computing

Tik Tok, Roblox, Minecraft, Fortnite, FIFA, YouTube, Among Us. This list can go on and on! As more time is being spent accessing the internet, it is even more important that our children know how to stay safe when they use the internet, social media and other forms of communication. As many children have access to mobile phones and tablet devices, it is very important that children use these sensibly and safely. If you haven't downloaded it already, please do download the 'Safer Schools App' and explore the 'thinkuknow' website for further details. The information that 'Safer Schools' have about different apps that are being used is invaluable.

History - Ancient Civilisations

We will continue to teach different subjects through our topic work on "Ancient Civilisations". The children will look at the belief systems of the Ancient Egyptians and explore the wonderful Ancient Egyptian gods. The unit will move onto the great importance of the River Nile and the impact it had on the farming seasons. They will be able to answer the question of 'Are the Ancient Egyptians known only for their mummies and pyramids?'

P.E.

Many of the children in Year 4 are not bringing their PE kit into school and are having to use our spare kits. Please make sure your child has their school PE kit in school every day.

All children need to bring the correct kit. P.E uniform is a white, round-necked T- Shirt with blue shorts or leggings; school blue tracksuit bottoms are more suitable for cold weather but should be well fitting. We are introducing basketball this half term and we will also be preparing for the Year 4 Skipping Competition in March.

Children should tie back long hair and not wear any 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 Mahmood and Mrs Sandhu