

Year 4 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an eventful Autumn term we have had! First there was the Parent Workshop, the Carol Concert, purchased contributions for the Christmas Fayre, you were generous enough to provide toiletries towards the Reverse Calendar (Father Hudson's), enjoyed the Christmas party afternoon, and much more. Year 4 have settled well into routines and expectations and we are enthusiastic for what this term may hold for us.

We look forward to continue to work collaboratively to ensure that your child achieves their God-given potential. If you have any questions throughout the year, please do not hesitate to ask:

Miss Homer, Miss COTTON, MRS VERNON and MISS PARRY.

ENGLISH

For this half term, teachers will expect children to continue to strive for excellent pieces of vocabulary packed writing; with the aim to continue to have outstanding presentation in books. There will be plenty of creative opportunities throughout the Spring term, including deep dives into the story of Jody and the Jelly Beanstalk and the Fairy tale, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, as well as reading our class text.

This half term, we will be focusing on different styles of writing including: rewrites and instruction writing. These texts will support children to develop their knowledge of punctuating dialogue between characters, use metaphors to describe a character and write a narrative. Additionally, children will continue to be using Grammarsaurus to imbed their learning of expanded noun phrases, collective nouns, apostrophes for contraction and possession, so that they can be embedded into their writing.

Guided Reading

Children the non-fiction texts: Europe, Dental Hygiene and Scandinavia. These texts will support children to develop their knowledge of vocabulary and its meaning, retrieve information from a text and summarise sections of the text.

MATHS

In this half term, we will complete units 11 – 14 of the oak national academy scheme. We have looked at the 7 times tables, multiplicative structures, distributive law and what happens when a number is multiplied and divided by 10 and 100.

Multiplication

From May/June (date to be confirmed), children will be sitting a National Multiplication Test, which will test children on their multiplication knowledge up to 12x tables. They only have 6 second per question and will have 25 questions to answer. As a result of this, this year there will be a massive push on children learning their times tables, where they will be required to be quick and fluent. Children will practice their times tables every Maths lesson and will be encouraged to use Times table Rockstars at home.

RE

For this half term, our unit is called **Unit F: The story of Moses**. In this unit, children will explore the stories of the Burning Bush, Moses the Pharaoh and the Plagues, the story of Moses leading the Israelites to freedom, and the parting of the Red Sea. They will explore that Moses was given the Ten Commandments by Jesus for all the Jewish people to follow

Additionally, children will be spending time completing collective worships and attending Mass (most Wednesday's) at Church. Parents are always welcome to celebrate school Mass with us.

Our virtues for this half term are curious and active.



THEMATIC

During spring, we will be focusing on Geography as our topic is called, "How can I use map skills to learn about my locality?" We will use maps, atlases and digital mapping to locate settlements and describe their features. Pupils will use the eight points on the compass alongside using four-figure grid references, symbols and keys. They will use digital maps to observe, record and identify human and physical features in their local settlement. During our final weeks of the term, children will be comparing the physical and human features including land use, economic activity and tourism.

ART and D+T

This half term, we will be focusing on art as we begin to study Chromatic. We will be using our sketches to create guide lines for painting and incorporate photos into a water colour painting to create a photo collage. We will also learn the process of being an artist by exploring line work through sketching and use a sketchbook to develop skills.

Computing

During this half term, we will be exploring audiobooks in computing. We will learn about what makes a good audiobook, write a script and create an audiobook with narration and sound effects. Finally, we will be able to edit our audiobooks.

Spanish

This half term, children will be learning about seasons. they will be able to name all 4 of the seasons in Spanish. as well as this, they will be able to describe what the climate is like during these seasons.

SCIENCE

During the first half of this term, Year 4 are learning about Animals (including teeth). They will begin to examine the types of teeth that we have, their function and the importance of keeping them healthy.

PE

For taught lessons in spring, children will be doing Gymnastics and dance. Children will also be taught the importance of health and fitness within these lessons.

Please ensure that PE kits are worn on the allocated days.

Spring 1 Timetable

Mary 4 - Monday (Gymnastics)/ Thursday (Dance)

John 4 - Monday (Gymnastics)/ Thursday (Dance)

Kit

All children will be expected to wear a red t-shirt, black tracksuit bottoms/shorts and pumps.

Music

This year, children will continue to have weekly guitar lessons provided by the music service (Tuesday afternoons).

As inspiring musicians, children will continue to foster their creativity and love for music.

They will showcase their musical talents and progress in the Summer school concert.

Home

Homework is sent out every Friday. Please ensure that this is completed via Purplemash by the following Tuesday each week.

Reading

Due to the increased expectations as they start Year 4, children will be expected to read **every night** (Monday to Thursday). This will be checked in the morning by an adult. Parents need to sign your child's reading diary, by writing the date, pages that they have read and a signature. Comments are needed for when they are due to change their books, so we can understand how children are reading at home.

Times tables

By the end of Year 4 (in preparation for their multiplication test), all children will need to recall all of their times tables up to 12 with speed and accuracy. As a result of this, children will be encouraged participate in regular Times table Rockstars challenges alongside practice at home on TTrackstars.

Uniform

All children **must** wear the appropriate school uniform which includes school shirt and tie alongside the suitable school shoes.

If there is anything you are unsure about, please do not hesitate to talk to us at 3.35pm.
Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another great year ahead!

Miss Homer, Miss Cotton, Mrs Vernon and Miss Parry
Year 4 team.