



What's Happening in Year 4?

Well done Year 4 for a wonderful Spring term. We have a busy and exciting half term ahead. All the teachers are very proud of your hard work so far this year. Keep it up everyone!

This half term, the children will be focussing on developing their skills to become high performance learners. They will be encouraged to recognise when they are linking their learning, spot connections and see alternative perspectives. We will be paying particular attention to our 'Realising' skill, using speed, fluency and automaticity with our times table practice!



Meta-Thinking



Linking



Analysing



Creating



Realising

Important Information and Reminders

Reading

Each child will receive a book banded reading book to take home with the expectation that children read this at least **three times per week** at home and record this in their reading records. This then needs to be signed by a parent or guardian at least once per week so that they can be entered into the weekly reading raffle on a Friday!

Homework

Homework will be sent out each week on a Friday and will be due in the following Wednesday. Each week the children will receive Maths homework (Times tables and Maths home learning, alternating from paper homework and homework set on Mathletics), spelling homework (5 spellings per week and a spelling task linked to this week's learning) and English homework (This will alternate between a comprehension and a grammar activity). The children also still have a log in for TT Rockstars and Reading Eggs and we ask that the children use this two times per week at home. If your child struggles with any of the home-learning tasks that are set each week, please feel free to ask us for any help or guidance. We are still running learning club before and after school for children to attend.

Times tables

Below are some useful links to help your child practice their times tables at home. All the children have their own TTRockstars log ins, if you are unsure of your child's details, please ask your class teacher.

<https://trockstars.com>

https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/7/multiplication_and_division

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

If you would like to do some extra practice of the multiplication test, below is a link with a practice test on.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

PE Kits and Uniform

The children will take part in two PE lessons per week, and they will need to have their PE kit in school at all times. Children must bring their P.E. kit in a drawstring gym bag and have a white t-shirt, blue/black P.E. shorts and black pumps or trainers. If you have any concerns regarding PE kits, please don't hesitate to contact us. We have been so impressed with how smart the children have looked on their return to school this year and thank you for all your support in ensuring the children have the correct uniform. Please can we just remind all parents that the children need to have a pair of school shoes to wear each day and that trainers should only be worn for PE lessons.

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English:

Class text: Rainforest in 30 seconds by Jen Green and Stephanie Murphy. The children will be writing a rainforest information board. They will also have additional writing opportunities throughout, including instruction writing and persuasion.



Geography: In Geography we will look at the longitude, latitude and the equator. We will also be studying rainforests and making links with our English topic!



History: In History, we will be looking at Ancient Civilizations including the Egyptians. We are looking forward to using our VR headsets here!

Music: In Music, we will continue our weekly singing assemblies and will also have a focus on the Beatles, paying particular attention to the song, 'Blackbird'.

PSHE: Our PSHE focus for this half term is Kid Safe where we look at a range of topics based around health, safety and well-being.

Art: Our PAN art looked amazing, so well done to all the children with this! Over the next term, we will be focusing on photography and digital art, making use of Ipads and other digital media.

RE: In RE, we will be studying the religion, Islam. Children will be learning about the Prophet Muhammad pbuh and the 5 pillars.

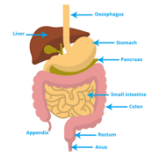
MFL: We will be continuing our French lessons and developing vocabulary around jungle animals – again making links with English and Geography.

Design Technology: In DT, we have a food focus where the children will be creating seasonal tarts.

Maths: This half term the children will continue their learning on fractions and decimals. We will be looking at equivalent fractions, fractions of amounts and addition and subtraction. Times tables remains a real focus as we are now in the run up to the National Multiplication Times Table Check in June!



Science: We will begin a unit based on animals including humans. We will be learning about our digestive system including the role teeth play in this.



Computing: In computing, we will continue to look at E-Safety and how to stay safe online. We will also be exploring website design and creating a web page!

PE: The children will be developing their agility, reaction and response. The children will also take part in athletics competitions, learning key skills like throwing, catching, running and jumping.