

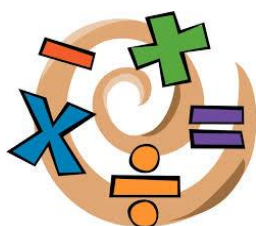


Year 4 Spring 2 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after a well-deserved rest over the holidays, even though the weather was not kind to us! We hope the children are well rested and ready for lots of hard work, perseverance and challenges ahead.

During our maths lessons, we will be looking at division and linking our multiplication knowledge to solving perimeter and area problems. We will also be focusing on mental and written division strategies and continuing to increase our speed using multiplication and division facts, in preparation for the new government assessment of this skill. Please encourage your child to access their Times Tables Rockstars accounts, as this will be of great benefit to them. If you need any help with logging on or missing passwords, just let your child's class teacher know.



In English, we will be exploring the text *When the Giant Stirred by Celia Godkin* which is the story that explores the subject of nature's remarkable ability to renew itself. A small island in the Pacific exists in perfect harmony, where all the plants, animals and people are interdependent. But the islanders live with the knowledge that their mountain god sometimes grumbles and threatens to awake. When that happens, the people offer up prayers and garlands of flowers to coax the giant back to sleep. The children will be writing their own version of the story, using expanded noun phrases by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and prepositional phrases and choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition. Improvement in spelling, handwriting and presentation continues to be a high priority and we will be continuing to develop proof reading and editing skills during this term.



In Science, your child will be looking at living things and their habitats. They will be recognising that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways, exploring and using classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment and recognising that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

PE will be on Friday during this half term but please be advised that sometimes we have extra P.E. provision or visitors so please support us by ensuring that your child has a basic PE kit in school **at all times**. All pupils are expected to take part in all PE lessons and will not be excused unless a letter is received from a parent or guardian. Kit should include pumps, white T- shirt, dark shorts and a jumper/sweatshirt as the cold weather continues. Additionally, for safety reasons, earrings must be removed or covered with tape and long hair be tied back.



Children will read at least once a week as part of a guided group read and there are lots of other opportunities in school for children to practice reading and comprehension skills. The main focus for this term will continue to be retrieval of information, inference and deduction and reading with expression and intonation by using punctuation in the text. Please continue to support your child in reading with them regularly for at least 10 minutes each evening as this will give them the best chance to enjoy reading and make super progress, as well as being in our weekly prize draw.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Bracegirdle, Miss Green and Miss Stebbings.