

Year 4 Curriculum News

Spring 2 2024

What we are looking at:

As historians we will be looking at how children's lives have changed. We will be starting in the Tudor period and moving forward in time. We will explore primary and secondary sources to gather our opinions. As scientists we will be studying living things and their habitats. We will look at the classification of animals and their habitats. We will also explore the differences between flowering and non-flowering plants. In RE we will be exploring the question of 'Should religious believers give things up?' We will explore and learn about different religious festivals. In DT we will be designing and making a nightlight based upon an electrical system. This will link to our Spring 1 topic of circuits in science. Once made, we will evaluate our design based upon a set criterion.

Maths

This half term, we will continue to develop their mastery skills by following the White Rose scheme. We will be focusing on decimals and making links between decimals and fractions. We will also be using our knowledge of multiplication and division and linking them to our decimal learning.

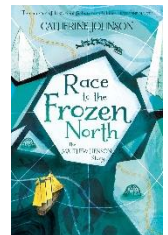
We will continue to develop their fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills. We will use a range of concrete, pictorial and abstract representations to prove their understanding of mathematical concepts, and will continue to make links across prior knowledge, and learnt units in maths.

There will be a huge focus on times tables this half term so practising TTrockstars is crucial.

English

In English this half term we will begin by looking at the features of a newspaper report. We will then be writing our own, including all the grammatical features we have learnt about. These include inverted commas, paragraphs, adverbials, and different sentence types. We will then move onto writing a short narrative based on the story of Charlie and the Chocolate factory.

*Our DEAR book for next half term will be:
Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson.*



Home Learning

*Please continue to read with your child daily, and record what they have read in their home-school book. As well as listening to them read, please question your child about their understanding of the text. Continue to encourage your child to practise their weekly spellings. Homework will be set every Monday, and the deadline for completion will be the following Monday. As part of their math homework, children are expected to complete a minimum of 5 **garage games** on **TTRockstars**. Please do encourage your child to practise their times tables regularly. For English homework, children will either be assigned grammar questions on **spag.com**, or will have a reading comprehension to complete.*

*Thank you for your continued support.
The Year 4 Team.*