

Year 4 Newsletter

Middleton Parish Church School

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Reading

This half term in reading, children will read a variety of different texts to answer comprehension questions.

Writing

In writing, we will be using our knowledge of rivers from Geography to write a poem using a range of Year 4 grammar features alongside similes, metaphors and personification.



Homework

As shared on dojo, homework will be sent out each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Tasks will take the children no longer than ten minutes and must be completed each night and returned the next day to help support our learning in class.



Science

Our science topic this term is 'States of matter'. We will be learning how to:

- Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases.
- observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius.
- identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature

Reading

Class Novel

This half term we will be reading 'Onyeka and the academy of the sun'. *A debut children's novel packed full of memorable characters, Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun is the effervescent story of a British-Nigerian girl who discovers her curls have psychokinetic abilities and the thrilling adventures she undertakes with her new-found superhero friends.*

Reading Books and GOREad!

Our new class libraries have been set and are ready to go for the year ahead and all children should now have a reading book.

Should children have a home reading book they would like to read, please send it into school for teachers to check it provides enough challenge to support progression in reading – teachers will then add this book to GOREad.

Adults in school will read with all children at least once a week. We ask that children read at home daily.

All reading should be recorded on GOREad in order for children to earn maximum gems! Problem words/new vocabulary can be added on go read alongside in vocabulary books.



Contacting Us

If you need to talk to contact a member of the year 4 team please do not hesitate to send us an email.

Our class email address is

year4@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk

Please note that although we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible, it may take up to five working days.

Important Dates

Friday 10th February – Swimming begins.
Wednesday 15th February - Parents Evening
20th February – Finish for half term.

Dojo to follow regarding celebration assemblies.

Where needed, more information about these upcoming events will be communicated via ClassDojo.

History

In History, our focus question is, 'What does the name Middleton mean?' Within this topic, children will learn about Anglo-Saxon settlements in England.

P.E, Swimming and Forest School

P.E and Forest School will be on a Friday for Year 4. Children should ensure they wear the correct outdoor uniform on a Friday. The children will need a light waterproof jacket with a hood.

Year 4 will start swimming on Friday 10th February. More importation follow closer to the time.

PSHE

Our Heart Smart topic is 'Too much selfie isn't healthy.' In this topic, we are learning to be more aware of our surroundings and the people around us by noticing differences.



Religious Education

In R.E, we are looking at the topic 'Jesus the son of God'.

Children will learn about power and authority and question how and why Jesus had these. They will also learn about miracles and people that inspire them.



Maths

In maths this half term, children will be looking at formal written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will learn at how to answer these questions in an arithmetic style and how to pull them apart using 'what do you notice' and 'what do we know' in order to answer reasoning questions.

