

Parental Support:

As you are already aware, it is extremely important that our children are reading every night at home. We would like to thank you and ask that parents and carers continue to listen to the children reading each night for 5-10 minutes. Please ask children questions about the pages they have read to strengthen their readings skills and deepen their understanding of the book.

The children must log on to TT Rock stars and use this daily to help with pace and recall of times tables. Again, thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Swimming:

Swimming takes place on a Thursday for Year 4. Children must have swimwear including a cap.

PE:

PE takes place on a Monday. The children need to attend school in their full PE kit on this days. This includes a white polo shirt and black shorts.

Literacy:

This half term, we are continuing to take inspiration from *Kindlekrax* by Phillip Ridley to produce our pieces of writing. Children will produce a persuasive letter about why Ruskin should play the hero in the play. In the following half term, we will look at Maya Angelou's poems and be writing our own poems based off her inspirational work.

Phonics

Year 4 are currently focusing on sounds that have more than one spelling. Weekly spellings will be sent home on a Monday linked to this sound. Children will be tested on a Friday.

Science:

Throughout this half term, we are focusing on the Digestive Systems and Animal food chains. In the following half term, the children will be looking at living things and their habitats. Children will take part in practical investigations to help embed their conceptual knowledge and practise scientific enquiry skills.

RE:

We are currently working on the topic of Pentecost. Thinking about new life and how to hear and live the Easter message. Later in the term we will be looking at Baptism and Universal Church.

Music:

Year 4 the children are focusing on composing and performing.

Numeracy:

In Numeracy, Year 4 are focusing on decimals. Next, we will be looking at money and time. Next term we will be looking at shapes. We will continue to test times tables on a Friday.

Reading:

We are reading Phillip Ridley's *Kindlekrax* as our class novel. Within Guided Reading, Year 4 are reading non-fiction linked to history and science. We are continuously recapping reading skills that are vital to help us progress as readers.

History:

In history, we are beginning our new topic of the Roman Empire and their impact on Britain. In this we will be looking at the Roman army, Boudicca and the lasting impact of the Romans.

Art: In art children are focusing on landscapes and sketches to draw landmarks such as the Colosseum.

French:

We are continuing to develop children's understanding of basic French.

