

Year 4 Spring Term Newsletter.



Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope that you have enjoyed your Christmas. This information sheet will give a broad outline of the work your child will be undertaking this term. We hope you will find it useful. If you have any queries, please see your child's class teacher. In our teaching, we make cross-curricular links with other subjects to not only enhance and embed the children's learning, but also for their enjoyment. These links are detailed below.

MATHEMATICS: We will look at a range of topics in Maths including; written addition and subtraction and fractions and decimals. We will also be looking at multiplication and co-ordinates.

ENGLISH: We are going to involve the children in the planning by asking them what types of writing they would like to do this term. Our English work will link to our class novel of *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*. We have a '*Stunning Starter*' which involves a theatre workshop in the first week back.

SCIENCE: In Science we will be studying sound some more before moving on to different states of matter. We will then move on to finding out about living things and their habitats.

TOPIC: For the first half term our topic will be *Earning a Living* which incorporates why and how people need to earn money in our community. In Spring 2 we will be learning more about The United Kingdom.

R.E.: In R.E. we will be focussing on Christianity. We will learn all about the Beatitudes and Jesus before learning about and performing the Easter story.

We will also have a trip out of school to attend an interactive re-enactment of the Easter Story at Carshalton Methodist Church in early March. The Easter Experience and performing the Easter Service will be our "*Excellent Ending*".

P.S.H.E: During Spring term we will learn about possible consequences of our choices and how we can make good decisions. We will also be thinking about the impact we have on our environment and how we can manage it.

DT/Art: We will focus on two different artists this half term including Guido Danielle and Picasso. We will attempt to understand their style and motivation as well as imitating their work.

P.E./GAMES: All children should have a full, named P.E. kit in school every day. Elm will have PE on Monday and Thursday. Spruce will have PE on Tuesday and Friday and Oak will have PE on Tuesday and Thursday.



READING: Please ensure that your child brings in their reading book and reading record every day. Children have a reading book to bring home from school but are also most welcome to read their own choices of book. All children will be heard reading in class during guided reading. Individual reading will also take place.

TIMES TABLES: By the end of year 4, children are expected to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10 times tables. Children should use Times tables Rockstars to support their learning.

HOMEWORK:

Children will also receive maths and spellings homework once a week. Homework will be given out and collected as follows:

Subject	Day	Hand in by/diary signed by	Response
Reading (10 minutes)	Daily	Friday	Fill in your diary reading record.
Maths (20 minutes)	Friday	Wednesday	Complete task and hand in.
English - Spellings (20 minutes)	Friday	Wednesday	Complete task and hand in.
Topic / Science	Autumn 2: Sound Project (Science) Summer 1: Tudor Project (Topic)	Date given by class teacher	Complete task and hand in.

CONTACT: Please write any notes in your child's reading record and ask your child to show this to their teacher at the start of the school day. If a matter needs a longer discussion, please write to your child's teacher to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time. We will be happy to see you.

Yours sincerely,

The Year Four Team