

# 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 be learning and revising our times tables as well as learning mental and written methods for multiplication and division. We will also be looking at length, perimeter and area.

**ENGLISH:** Our English work will link to our class novel of *The Chronicles of Narnia - The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*. We have a '**Stunning Starter**', which involves a theatre workshop, which is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January. After half term, we will be using the story of the Great Kapok tree to inform our writing.

**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 learning about the fearless Vikings. In Spring 2, we will be learning about the Rainforest.

**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 at the end of February. The Easter Experience and performing the Easter Service will be our "**Excellent Ending**".

**RHE:** During the Spring term, we will be thinking about our dreams and goals for the future as well as learning about how we can stay healthy.

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

## **P.E./GAMES:**

Spruce - Tuesday (inside), Thursday (outside)

Oak - Thursday (inside), Wednesday (outside)

Elm - Tuesday (inside), Thursday (outside).



**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 or a boon on MyOn. Children are expected to read at least 5 times a week and record this in their diaries.

**TIMES TABLES:** By the end of year 4, children are expected to know all their timetables up to 12 X 12 times tables. Children should use DoodleTables to support their learning. We will also be uploading a resource which allows them to practise the multiplication check. In class, the children will take part in the 144 Club test. This comprises of 144 times table questions that they try to answer in 5 minutes.

**HOMEWORK:** Children will also receive maths and spellings homework once a week. Spelling homework will consist of spellings in their pink book and an additional activity task on Spellzone related to their weekly spelling focus. Children are encouraged to also complete 10 minutes a week of their course pathway which can also be found on Spellzone. Maths will continue to be set on Doodle Maths which can be found by clicking on the red 'extras' button. Their daily tasks (5, 6 or 7 a day) will be completed in school.

**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)	Monday	Friday/Monday	Complete task and hand in.
English - Spellings (20 minutes)	Monday	Friday	Complete task and hand in.
Science	Spring 1: Sound Project	Date given by class teacher	Complete task and hand in.

**CHROME BOOKS:** Chrome books should be brought into school every day after being charged at home. Please make sure your chrome book is kept safe in the case when not being used. Chrome books will be used to support learning in class as well as for practising spellings and times tables.

**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