

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*, which we read in the lead up to Christmas. 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. We will then move on to finding out about living things and their habitats.

TOPIC: For the first half term, our learning will be 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 about Jesus and the Beatitudes 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 the artist, Picasso, this half term. We will attempt to understand his style and motivation as well as imitating their work.

P.E/GAMES: Children should come in P.E kit on their specific P.E days. As we are in the colder months, please ensure the children are wearing appropriate clothing. Hoodies are not allowed due to health and safety reasons.

Spruce – Friday (inside), Tuesday (outside)

Oak – Monday (inside), Wednesday (outside)

Elm – Wednesday (inside), Tuesday (outside)



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 Doodle Tables to support their learning. There is also a resource on the children's Google Classroom, which allows them to practise the multiplication check. In class, the children will take part in the 144 Club test frequently to support this. This comprises of 144 times table questions that they try to answer in 5 minutes.

READING: Please ensure that your child has a reading book and their diary ready every day. Children will have a reading book to bring home from school but are also most welcome to read their own choices of book from home or the local library. Children will be given a reading range based on a baseline test taken in school. When the children have finished reading a book in their reading range, they will do a quiz on Accelerated Reader, at school. All children will be heard to read in class during whole class reading. Individual reading will also take place.

HOMEWORK:

Children will also receive maths and spellings homework once a week.

Homework will be given out and collected as follows:

Subject	Day homework is set	Hand in by/diary signed by	Response
Reading (20 minutes minimum)	Daily	Friday	Write 1 or 2 sentences in your Reading Diary about what you have read.
Maths (20 minutes)	Monday	Friday	Complete task in homework book and hand in. Complete task set on Doodle Maths.
English – Spellings (20 minutes)	Monday	Friday	Complete task in homework book and hand in.

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

Yours sincerely,

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