

Year 4 Newsletter – Spring 1

Welcome

Welcome back to term 3 and a happy new year! I hope that 2025 is a great year for you and your family 😊
We hope you have had a lovely half term break. This term we will be very busy in class with our new learning.

Spelling and Reading

This year we will have our test spelling on a Monday and new spellings will be sent home on the same day. In reading we will be focusing on fluency and reading for meaning.



Our class text this term will be Llama Out Loud, we will also look at Julius Cesar.

Writing

We will be writing a fiction piece based on our reading last term “Leo and the Gorgons Curse”
We will also be writing a newspaper report based on the first Olympic Games held in Ancient Greece.
We will finally be writing an essay based on our Geography topic “To describe Eastern Europe”.



Maths

We will work on multiplication and division, to do this we will look at, factor pairs, multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100, multiplying a 2 digit number by a 1 digit, multiply a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number, divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number, divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number, and finally divide a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number



PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO GO ONTO TT ROCKSTARS REGULARLY TO PRACTISE THEIR TIMES TABLES.

Science

Our science topic this term is “Ecology.” We will be learning about living things and habitats, food chains, ecosystems, air pollution and how it is a threat to the environment and ecology in our local area.



Computing

In computing this is the first of the two programming units in Year 4, and looks at repetition and loops within programming.

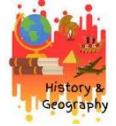


Art & Design/Design & Technology

In art we will be studying “design” in art. We will look at what is design in art, we will be examining design, more specifically, we will look at Matisse’s cut outs and The Scream, we will then finally finish by making our own Scream!



Geography/History



Our history topic this term is “Life in Ancient Rome”. To deepen our understanding we will locate Ancient Rome, we will look at the monarchy, republic, empire, Pompeii, a day in the life of Ancient Rome and then finally look at the Ancient Roman language Latin.

Our Geography topic this term is ‘Eastern Europe.’ We will look at key places in Eastern Europe, the climate of Eastern Europe, physical features of Eastern Europe, a comparison of and Eastern European country with the UK and then look at recent conflict in Eastern Europe.

Music



This term we will be exploring feelings when you play. We will be using the social question – How Does Music Connect Us with Our Past?

PE

PE days are **TUESDAY AND THURSDAY** so please remember to send your child to school dressed in PE kit on those days.

Children may stay in PE kit all day. Long hair to be tied up and **no jewellery please**. Thank you.

Topics taught this term:

- Multi Skills
- Tennis



PSHE

Teaching Unit: Dreams and Goals



This will be covered in these separate lessons:

- Hopes and Dreams
- Broken Dreams
- Overcoming Disappointment
- Creating New Dreams
- Achieving Goals
- We Did It!

RE

In RE we will be learning about Islam and answering the question “Does completing a pilgrimage make a person a better Muslim?”



Reminders

As a reminder, our school uniform for key stage 2 is a white shirt with a purple cardigan/ jumper with black trousers/skirt and black shoes.

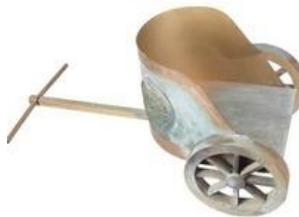
Children are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school each Friday for Dojo points to be awarded.

Weekly homework will be given out on a Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday. Dojo points will be given for weekly homework.

Homework Project



To complement our history topic, Life in Ancient Rome, for next term, here are some suggested ideas that the children could make: the Colosseum, make a Roman helmet, a Roman chariot, a Roman Soldier, a Roman villa, city of Pompeii.



We encourage every child to spend at least 30 minutes on TT Rockstars multiplication practice a week.

We also encourage your child to go onto Ed Shed for Spelling practice - Minimum 2-3 sessions each week.

We have our weekly spelling check each Monday.

Please encourage your child to read! They are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school every day for Dojo points to be awarded.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mr Fortune

Please remember to **name your child's school jumper or cardigan.**

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!



Spring 1

Monday 6th January – School reopens to pupils

Friday 10th January – Newsletters to parents

Monday 13th to Friday 17th January – Maths drop in sessions

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th February – Children's Mental Health week

Monday 10th to Friday 14th February – Science week

Friday 14th February – School closes for half term

