

Year 4 Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome

Welcome back to term 4, 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

In reading this term our class text will be Iron Man and Sky Song



PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO GO ONTO SPELLING SHED REGULARLY TO PRACTISE THEIR WEEKLY SPELLINGS

Writing

In English we will be analysing and performing The Witches' Spell from Macbeth by William Shakespeare. We will also be studying Shakespeare's Julius Ceaser.



Maths

In Maths we will start our new unit on fractions. We will be understanding the whole, counting beyond one, partitioning mixed numbers, converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa and adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers.



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

Science

In Science, our topic this term is Sound. We will be looking at what sound is, the speed of sound, pitch, volume, and how our ears help us listen.



Computing

In Computing we will look at data logging. They will look at data points, data sets, and logging intervals.



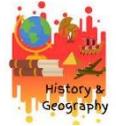
Art & Design/Design & Technology

In art we will be learning about Monuments of Ancient Rome where they will construct their own Colosseum. In DT we will be making a miniature playground which operates using a gear mechanism and electrical circuit.



Geography/History

This term in Geography, we are studying Northern Ireland, exploring its key features, tourist attractions, and the distinction between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. We will also learn about Giant's Causeway and Marble Arch Caves.



In History we will be learning about the Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire, we will explore Rome's rise through the Punic Wars, Julius Caesar's influence, and his assassination's causes and effects, Caesar Augustus being Rome's first emperor, Christianity in the Roman Empire and finally why the Roman Empire came to an end.

Music

This term we will be exploring different musical styles and asking the social question – How does music teach us about our community?



PE

In PE we will be swimming at the Corby Cube. See additional information via a letter and Group call messages

PSHE

Teaching Unit: Healthy Me



This will be covered in these separate lessons:

- My Friends and Me
- Group Dynamics
- Smoking
- Alcohol
- Healthy Friendships
- Celebrating My Inner Strength and Assertiveness

RE

In RE we will be learning about Christianity and answering the question "IS forgiveness always possible for Christians?"



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.

Homework

Homework Project

For their homework project this term children could the Roman Empire and draw a picture of Juilus Ceaser or they could research Northern Ireland and could make a model or draw a picture of a famous Northern Irish landmark.



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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 2

Monday 24th February – School reopens to pupils

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Monday 10th to Thursday 13th March – Book fair

Wednesday 19th March – Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 6.30pm

Thursday 20th March – Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 5.30pm

Thursday 20th March – Class photos

Thursday 27th March – Nursery new intake meeting 3.30pm

Thursday 3rd April – Whole School production 'The Hobbit' 9.30am followed by Y5 & Y6 workshop

Friday 4th April – School closes for Easter

