

# Year 4 Newsletter – Spring 1

## **Happy New Year!**

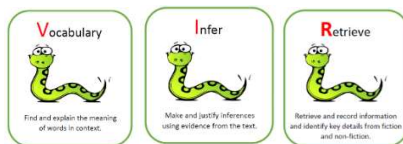
Mr Redhead and Mrs Tansey hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready for the term ahead. We have lots of exciting topics to study this term.



## **Spelling and Reading**

We have spelling lessons each Wednesday and Friday. Children will be given new spellings each week to be practised at home using EdShed – <http://play.edshed.com> Your child has their own password.

The adults in our class love to read, we hope you do too. This year we will continue to use Reading Vipers to help us with our guided reading. These can be used at home when reading too. In our guided reading lessons this term we will be focusing on the vocabulary, infer and retrieve vipers.



## **Writing**

We will link our Geography theme Life in the Oceans to our English writing. This half term we are learning how to write non-chronological reports and recounts. We are planning a school trip to the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham and will be base some of writing on the trip.



## **Maths**

We would like to invite all parents to join their child in Year 4 on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January for a maths workshop. More details will follow shortly.

In maths this term we will look at and formal written methods for multiplication, and division. We will then be learning about perimeter and length before beginning a unit on fractions.



## **Science**

Our science topic is 'Our changing world'. In this topic we will look at how we can classify different species of trees and plants. Later we will learn about habitats and groups of animals who live in them.



## **Computing**

In computing we will be learning about animation. Who to animate obkjects, people and also use stop motion animation techniques too.



## **Geography & School Trip**

In Geography this half term is theme Life in the Oceans. We be learning lots about the biomes and climate zones across the World. We will be visiting the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham on 18 January and will be seeing first hand the diverse range of life which habits the various aquatic biomes. We will also look at the impact humans have on these biomes, including the global issues surrounding single use plastics and how plastic impacts of aquatic life.



## **MFL**

In French we will be looking at school and subjects. We will learn to speak as well as write sentences about this in French.

## Music



In music each week we listen and appraise a range of different music genres. This half term we be exploring the music from Abba and learning how to sing and play Mama Mia on the glockenspiels.

## PE



Tuesday – Indoor PE (Outdoor as weather permits)

Thursday – **Swimming lessons**. Your child needs to be in school earlier than usual. We will be ready to leave at 8:35am to walk to the swimming pool. If your child is not ready to leave at 8:35 they will remain in school.

On PE days please wear **tracksuit bottoms** or **shorts** and an **academy PE**. Don't forget to wear **trainers**.

## Homework

Each week your child should complete the 3 following activities:



**4-5 x** Home reading sessions with an adult – Quick note recorded in diary.  
A mixture of Big Cat online e-books and the read book we change each week.



**30 minutes** -TT Rockstars multiplication practice.



**Ed Shed Spelling** practice - Minimum 2-3 sessions each week.  
We have our weekly spelling check each Friday



## 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 Redhead

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Tansey

**So we can help you, 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**.

When the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

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!**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – School opens for term 3

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Swimming lessons every Thursday (We will leave school at 8:35 sharp)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Parent & child maths workshop (More details to follow)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Class trip to Rockingham Castle

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Active Playground Day

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – End of term 3