

# Year 4 Newsletter – Spring 1

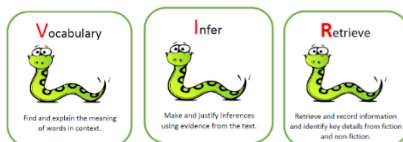
Mr Redhead and Mrs Windsor hope you enjoy a wonderful Christmas break. We have lots of exciting topics to study this next half term.



## 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

This half term the children are learning to write an alternative ending to a text. We will be focussing our writing on the The Iron Man by Ted Hughes and including expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, organising writing in to paragraphs plus using co-ordinating and sub-ordinating conjunctions to extend our sentence writing.



## Maths

In maths the children will continue to their development of multiplication and division. Children will continue to secure mental and formal written methods of the four operations: addition and subtraction, multiplication and division.



## Science

Our science topic is 'ecology' in this topic the children will study living things and their habitats.



## Computing

In computing we will be learning to code. Children will be able to explain the steps required for debugging a program and create an algorithm (with step-by-step instructions) to solve problems. They will also learn how to add a timer into a program.



## Geography & History

In Geography this half term our theme is 'Eastern Europe'. We will be expanding existing knowledge of Europe and the use of maps. In History we will continue learning about the Ancient Romans and their impact on modern day 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. We will learn the days of the week and months of year.



## Music

In music children will continue learning about the musical genre of Grime.

**PE**

Tuesday & Thursday – Outdoor (as weather permits). On PE days please wear **tracksuit bottoms** or **shorts** and an **academy PE**. **Remember** 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 Windsor

**Please remember to put your child's name in their school jumpers or cardigans.**

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!

Thursday 4th January 2024 – Term 3 begins  
31st January – NSPCC assembly  
Friday 16th February 2024 – Term 3 ends