

## Year 4 Newsletter – Spring 2

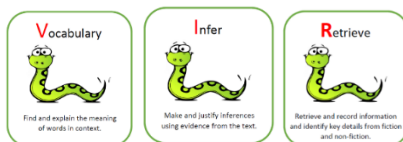
Mr Redhead and Mrs Windsor hope you enjoyed a wonderful break. We have lots of exciting topics to study this next half term.



### 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 poems based on 'The Witches from Macbeth'. Later, we will be focussing our writing a Shakespeare story about Julius Caesar. Children will continue to develop their writing using expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, organising writing into paragraphs plus the use of co-ordinating and sub-ordinating conjunctions to extend our sentence writing.



### Maths

In maths the children will be learning length and perimeter followed by fractions and decimals. All 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 'Sound'. In this topic the children will study how sound is made as well as how it travels through air and solid materials.



### Geography & History

In Geography this half term our theme is 'Northern Ireland'. We be expanding existing knowledge about the World around us and using maps. In History will continue learning about the Ancient Romans, this time studying 'The rise and fall of Rome'



### MFL

In French we will be looking at language for face and body parts. We will learn to speak as well as write sentences about this in French.



### Music

In music Children will continue be learning about the musical genre. This time Gospel and African drumming whilst learning the Gospel classic 'Lean on me'.



**PE** Tuesday & Thursday – Outdoor (as weather permits). On PE days please wear **tracksuit bottoms** or **shorts** and an **academy PE shirt**. Please remember to wear **trainers**. Please no jewellery and **long hair must be tied back**.



### 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

**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 with water** 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!



**Monday 26th February** – School reopens to pupils start of Term 4

**Monday 26th February** – 1.30 - 2.00pm - Rugby session with Saints



**Thursday 7th March** – World Book Day Dress Up Day

**Monday 11th-15th March** – Travelling Book Fair in school

**Friday 15th March** – Red Nose Day – Mufti Day

**Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th March**- Parents Consultation Evenings 3.00- 6pm, 3.00-5.30-pm

**Friday 22nd March** – School Photographs – Class (8.45am)

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Whole school theatre production - 'The Little Princess'

**Thursday 28th March** – School closes for Easter