

Year 4 Newsletter – Summer 1

Welcome back to the Summer term!

We are delighted to welcome the children back and are looking forward to an exciting term ahead. There are lots of fascinating topics to explore and fantastic opportunities for the children to deepen their knowledge and apply their learning. A particular highlight will be our Year 4 residential, which we know the children are eagerly anticipating!

Spelling and Reading

In reading this term our class text will be Varjak Paw.

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

Writing

This term in English, we will be creating our own ending of a story based on our whole class reading from last term, Iron Man.

After this we will be using our prior learning in History to write a letter to the people of Rome on behalf of Cassius and Brutus about the assassination of Julius Ceasar.



Maths

In maths we will be focusing decimals. To do this we will be looking at tenths and hundredths on a place value chart and looking at them as fractions and decimals. We will also be looking at perimeter of shapes and finally be converting pounds and pence and comparing amounts of money.



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

Science

Our science topic is the Water Cycle. In this unit, children will learn about the main parts of the Water Cycle including evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection. They will learn about each part in detail before piecing them all together to complete the cycle.



Computing

In Computing children will develop their understanding of how digital images can be changed and edited, and how they can then be resaved and reused. They will consider the impact that editing images can have, and evaluate the effectiveness of their choices.



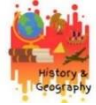
Art &DT

In our Art lessons we will be looking at Monuments of the Byzantine Empire – also known as the Eastern Roman Empire. The children revise what they know about ancient Rome and then learn about how the empire split in two, using the famous mosaic of Constantine and Justinian at the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul to discover how Constantine became the first Christian Roman emperor.



Geography & History

Geography will see us entering London and the Southeast. Children will build knowledge of the counties and cities of the UK, their geographical regions, human and physical characteristics and topographical features.



In History we will start out work on The Stuarts. During this unit, the children will retrieve prior learning on monarchy in Britain, including key vocabulary such as, 'inherit', 'heir' and 'tyrant', as well as knowledge of significant British monarchs and leaders, including Charles I, Oliver Cromwell and William and Mary.

MFL

Our unit in French this term is called:
At the doctors & Jungle animals

Music

This term we will be exploring different musical styles and asking the social question –
How Does Music Shape Our Way of Life?



PE

In PE this term our two sports that we will look at are:
Athletics & Basketball



OUR NEW PE DAYS ARE NOW MONDAY AND THURSDAY

PSHE & RE

This term we will be thinking about Relationships: Knowing how to make friends, how to solve friendship problems when they occur, helping others feel part of a group, showing respect in how we treat others and knowing how to help ourselves and others when we are hurt or upset.



In RE we will be learning about Buddhism and asking the question
"What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life?"

Homework



IN GEOGRAPHY, WE WILL BE EXPLORING PHYSICAL AND HUMAN FEATURES OF SOUTHERN ENGLAND. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO SHOW US WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FEATURES; THE WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER, THE RIVER THAMES, THE SOUTH DOWNS, THE LONDON UNDERGROUND, BRIGHTON PIER OR CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL. YOU CAN PRESENT THIS IN ANY WAY YOU WISH, FOR EXAMPLE, A MODEL, A FACTSHEET, ARTWORK OR AN IDEA OF YOUR OWN.

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
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Howe

So that 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. This should contain only water. Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

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

Dates for the diary!



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Monday 21st April – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April – School reopens to pupils

Friday 25th April – Issue newsletter to parents

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May – KS2 SATs

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd May - Walk to school week

Wednesday 21st May – Foundation subject parent drop in sessions

Friday 23rd May - School closes to pupils for Half Term