

Year 4 Newsletter – Summer 2

Welcome back to our new term!

We are very excited to welcome the children back for the last term of Year 4. We have lots of interesting topics and events as we get ready for the Summer break. The children have their multiplication checks and we finally finish the year with an exciting trip to London. It has been a pleasure teaching your child and I wish them all the luck for Year 5.

Spelling and Reading

In reading this term our class text will be The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tullane.

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 suspense story based on our whole class reading from last term, Varjak Paw. Later on in the term, we will be using our prior learning in Geography to describe Japan's human and physical Geography in a report.



Maths

In maths we will be focusing on

- Time
- Shape
- Statistics

Position & Direction



Science

Our science topic is electricity. In this unit, children will learn about electrical safety, parts of a circuit and switches. We will also investigate Thomas Edison and his lightbulb invention. Children will discover that new inventions often rely on the research and knowledge of others and that working scientifically can be a long task when it takes many attempts to get something right.



Computing

In Computing children will develop their understanding of repetition in gaming, they will look at the difference between count-controlled and infinite loops, and use their knowledge to modify existing animations and games using repetition. Their final project is to design and create a game which uses repetition, applying stages of programming design throughout.

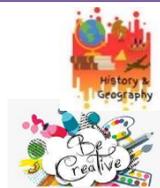


Art &DT

In our Art lessons we will be looking at Needlework and Embroidery. In DT the children will be making Apple Crumble and Ratatouille for our Booknic that we will be hosting alongside Year 3.

Geography & History

Geography will see us discovering Japan. Children will build knowledge of the weather, geographical features, Japanese architecture and the cultural history of Japan.



In History we will conclude our work on The Stuarts. During this unit, the children will build on last terms learning and explore details of The Great Plague and The Great Fire of London, including the rebuilding of London and Christopher Wren.

MFL

As we progress through the term, we will be learning about the weather, including seasons, the forecast and phrases. We will also embrace the summer and learn how to give opinions about different flavours of ice cream.

Music

During this term we will apply the knowledge we have learnt across the year on different styles of music to compose our own pieces. We will explore how different notes compliment each other and discover the unlimited possibilities that are available when composing.



PE

Golf and rounders will be our PE focus this term. We will explore different techniques for playing golf and consider safety aspects too. During rounders lessons, we will discover the importance of fast and accurate throwing and catching skills, as well as batting techniques.



PSHE

This term our topic is 'Changing Me'. This will include looking at the personal changes we all experience as we grow up, including puberty and menstruation and how we might feel about these changes. We will also look ahead to our transition to Year 5.



Homework



In Science we will be learning about electricity, including the first light bulb. I would like you to investigate the history of the lightbulb. When was the very first lightbulb used, how have they developed over time and what is the future of the lightbulb. You could even make a circuit!
In Geography we are going to explore Japan. You could make a fact file, information sheet or an idea of your own all about Japan.



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!



Summer 2

Monday 2nd June - School reopens to pupils

Tuesday 17th June – Nursery Sports day

Wednesday 18th June – Reception and KS1 Sports day

Thursday 19th June - KS2 Sports day

Tuesday 24th June – Y4 Tower of London Trip

Friday 27th June – Year 3/4 booknic

Friday 4th July – Whole school transition day

Friday 11th July – Reports to parents

Monday 14th to Friday 18th July – Informal chats with parents from reports if required

Friday 18th July – School closes for Summer

Monday 21st July – Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 22nd July – Teacher Training Day

