

Year 4 Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome

Welcome back to Spring Term 2. This newsletter details information about this term's curriculum. It will also give you key dates for this term at the bottom of the newsletter.

As a reminder:

Please remember to **name your child's school jumper or cardigan** and that lower Key Stage 2 uniform is **black/grey trousers/skirt, a white polo shirt, a purple jumper/cardigan and black shoes.**

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with me at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Spelling and Reading

This year we will have our test spelling on a Thursday and new spellings will be sent home on the same day. In reading we will be focusing on fluency and reading for meaning.

Our class text this term will Sky Song and the Iron Man



Writing

This term we will be studying Shakespeare. We will analyse and perform the Witches poem from Macbeth and we will be reading and analysing the characters in The Julius Caesar.



Maths

In maths we will finish our unit on fractions then move on to time. We will learn how to multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1000 going in to decimals as well as learning the decimal equivalent to fractions. Finally, we will compare and order numbers with the same number of decimal places. Our final unit will be area and perimeter where we will learn to calculate the area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes.



We will continue to do weekly times tables tests. Please support your child to learn the times table they are currently working on ready for their test each Monday.

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

Science

Our science topic this term is "Sound." We will be learning what sound is, about the speed of Sound, how we hear sounds and about pitch and volume.



Computing

In computing we will be looking at information and data logging.



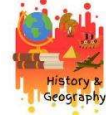
Art & Design

In art we will be studying “monuments of ancient Rome” in art. In particular we will look at the Parthenon and the Colosseum.



Geography/History

In geography this term we will be learning about UK geography, specifically Northern Ireland. We will learn about places in Northern Ireland, the Giant’s Causeway and the Marble Arch caves.



In history we will continue to learn about ancient Rome. We will look at the rise and fall of the Roman Empire. We will learn about the Punic war and how the Empire expanded. We will study Julius Caesar, Caesar Augustus and the Pax Romana, Christianity in the Roman Empire and the fall of the Empire.

Music

Our next music will look at solos. They listen to two pieces by Debussy, Syrinx for solo flute and Clair de lune for solo piano. They study how Debussy creates sustained phrases, contrasting phrases, move by jump and by step and compare how a flute plays a single line as opposed to a piano which can play chords creating harmony. They go on to listen to the ‘Moonlight’ Sonata for Piano by Beethoven. Towards the end of the unit the children compare the varying dynamics (levels of volume) of Clair de lune and the ‘Moonlight’ Sonata and consider how dynamics can affect the atmosphere a piece can create.



PE

For PE this term we will be going swimming. Our lesson is at 9am so we need to leave school at 8:30am to walk there. Children will need to be in school at **8:20 each Monday** with their swimming kit, swimming hat and towel. Children will need to provide a letter from home in order for them to wear goggles.

PSHE

Our PSHE unit will be ‘Healthy Me’. We will look at healthy friendships, group dynamics, smoking and alcohol.



RE

Our next RE unit will be **Christianity** - Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?



French

In French we will be naming different body parts and learning different commands.



Reminders

As a reminder, our school uniform for key stage 2 is a white shirt with a purple cardigan/ jumper with black trousers/skirt and black shoes.

Children are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school each Monday for Dojo points to be awarded.

Homework Project



For their homework project this term children could the Roman Empire and draw a picture of Juilus Ceaser or they could research Northern Ireland and could make a model or draw a picture of a famous Northern Irish landmark.



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 Thursday. 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: Mrs Morgan **Teaching assistant:** Mrs Eden

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.

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!



Spring 2

Monday 23rd February – School reopens to pupils

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Monday 9th to Friday 13th March – Science week

Tuesday 17th March – Nursery intake meeting

Wednesday 18th March – Class photos

Wednesday 18th March – Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 6.30pm

Thursday 19th March – Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 5.30pm

Friday 20th March – Comic/Sports Relief

Friday 27th March – School closes