



Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 2

Welcome back to the new half term!

We hope you have had a lovely break and are as excited as we are to start the new term.
Here is an overview of what your child will be learning this term.

SCIENCE

In Science, we are going to be learning all about light and shadows.

We will understand how we can protect our eyes from the sun, why shadows change size and explore the difference between opaque, translucent and transparent objects.

Furthermore, we will investigate the role of vibration in creating sounds and experiment with stringed musical instruments to discover how high and low notes are made and how sound travels.

Art and Design

This term, we will develop drawings and create giant prints inspired by collages and wax-resist drawings. Children will focus on understanding the starting points in a design process to make art inspired by the rainforest.

In DT, we will continue to investigate App Control through the use of LEGO® Education SPIKE. This will allow children to develop their technical knowledge & understanding. They will research a product, create and evaluate their very own lifestyle helper.

Geography and History

In Geography, we will continue to focus on 'transportation and international trade'.

We will learn all about different types of transportation and how transport can vary depending on what area of the world you live in. In History, we will look at the Anglo-Saxons and compare the different values shared between them and modern society.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This half term in RE, we will be focussing on Christianity and the enquiry question: Is forgiveness always possible for Christians? We are learning to understand how Jesus' life, death and resurrection teaches Christians about forgiveness.

MUSIC

In Music, we will be following the Charanga scheme of work. We will learn to recognise the different components of a song and to sing from memory using correct pitch, tone and volume.

Spanish

In Spanish, the children will learn to understand and say basic greetings, colours, names of animals and everyday objects. Children will take part in practical activities and sing songs.

Computing

In computing, we will follow the iCompute scheme of work. We will look at being safe while using technology, how to programme and how to use data properly.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will continue to explore the 'Life Skills' scheme of work. We will learn about situations that we may come across growing up, such as dealing with peer pressure and the impact of advertising. Furthermore, we will explore how to deal with these situations calmly and responsibly.

P.E

For P.E, we will continue to follow the Real P.E scheme of work. We will be practising our cognitive skills through gymnastics – looking at balancing, sequencing and rotations.

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Times for the School Day

Please ensure your child arrives at school by 8:40am as school begins at 8:45am.

Between Monday – Thursday school finishes at 3.40pm and on Friday at 12.50pm.

If your child has been allocated an Enrichment place on a Friday, then they will finish at 3:25pm. We ask that children are collected promptly. After a day of learning, it is quite upsetting for a child to be collected late. If you are going to be late due to unforeseen circumstances, please contact the school office and they will pass a message on to the class teacher and your child.

Clothing and Packed Lunch Boxes

Please ensure all clothing and lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This will make returning lost items much easier.

P.E Day

Year 4 will have their P.E every **WEDNESDAY**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their correct P.E kit that is suitable for the weather. We also advise that they bring in a bottle of water.