

# Year 4 Spring Newsletter



## Timetable:

P.E—Monday

Swimming—Wednesday

Homework— Tuesday returned Friday

Spellings test every second Tuesday. New words and results Friday.

Times tables—rock stars and or written practise every night.

Reading—15 pages every night. Reading records checked daily.

## Maths

In Maths we will continue to focus on our times table knowledge and understanding. We are working hard to remember our times tables to instant recall and are focusing on written multiplication and division maths this term.

For the rest of this term we will be looking at finding area, statistics graphs, bar charts and pictograms and finally fractions. We will be identifying fractions of shapes comparing, equivalences & simplifying, counting in fractions and looking at mixed numbers and Improper fractions.

## Religion:

During this term in religion we will be looking at our local church and how we can be good member of our community. We will look at how the apostles supported Jesus and how we can do the same. Year 4 will then look at Judaism and make links between the Jewish and Catholic faith.

## Literacy

In Literacy we will be looking at all fairy tales. We have read the story 'Lost Happy Endings' to create some fantastic pieces of writing using imaginative description and similes. The book is available to view on google classroom if you would like to read it together at home.

During this term we will be creating our own fairy tales using fronted adverbials, similes and metaphors to put our own twist on traditional fairy tales.

In our non-fiction unit we will be creating information leaflets about Europe.

A note from Miss Allen and Mrs Strong:

Year 4 are such a wonderful class who work so hard every day. I have thoroughly enjoyed being their teacher so far and I can not wait to be a part of the rest of their journey. I am so impressed with the spelling scores of the class recently and their times table knowledge. Keep it up!

## Important reminders

### Swimming:

Children will need swimming kit every Wednesday this includes swimming short or trunks or a swimming costume. Children must provide a swimming cap and towel.

### PE:

P.E kits are needed every Monday must consist of plain black shorts or jogging bottoms, plain white t shirt and trainers or pumps.

### Homework and spellings:

Please bring in your homework on a Tuesday and your spelling books every day. Spelling tests are every 2 weeks and new words are given on the corresponding Friday.

### History

In history we will be describing aspects of the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the kingdom of England in the time of Edward the Confessor. We will be discussing significant aspects and connections between, different historical events.

### Geography

In Geography we will be looking at the water cycle. We have already created some fantastic examples of the water cycle. They are displayed on the Year 4 classroom window please do have a look as your come to collect the children. We will be studying rivers, gathering vocabulary and looking at the journey of a

### PE

Year 4 will attend weekly swimming session at the leisure centre.

This term Year 4 will be developing our gymnastics skills.

If you would like any support or resources for these topic areas please see the school website or Miss Allen and Mrs Strong.

### Art

In Art we have created paintings taking inspiration from Hundertwasser. Photographs of this are in the newsletter and on our class page on the website. During this term we will be focusing on the artist Van Gogh and creating some art work based on the theme of the 'Northern Lights'.

### Design and technology

In design and technology we will be designing and making our own products.

Some of the skills we will learn are

Sharing and clarifying ideas through discussion, modelling ideas using prototypes and pattern pieces, using annotated sketches, cross-sectional drawings and exploded diagrams to develop and communicate ideas.

### PSHE

Year 4 will follow the tenten resources to support our development in friendships and relationships and how to understand our emotions and feelings. Support and information about this can be found on our school website.

### Science

In science this term we will be looking at material properties and making links between solids, liquids, gases and our geography theme of the water cycle.

We will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. Observe that some materials change state when heated or cooled, and measure and research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius. Through our Geography link we will identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

### Music

In year 4 we will make links to our religion topic and discover how music makes the world a better place and how it helps our community. We will begin to sing songs with a wider pitch range and greater intervals of pitch, sing and chant rhythmically with expression & energy, sing part songs and rounds with increasing confidence. We will also recognise the steps that make up a scale. Use singing activities & hand patterning to demonstrate understanding and follow simple notation identifying changes in pitch.

