

Spring 1



Year 4

Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back!

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year and we hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children this half term - please check out the 'dates for your diary' section of this newsletter. We look forward to working with you to support your child's learning over the term. As a Year 4 team, we were very impressed with the curriculum homework last half-term. The models of buildings and vehicles using a switch in an electrical circuit were amazing and we could see that the children really took pride in their homework. Well done and thank you to everyone who brought in and shared their homework.

Homework

Reading

Please take the time to hear your child read 4/5 times a week and record this in the reading record book. When your child is independently reading, they are also expected to record this in their reading record book. **Reading books & record books must be in school every day.**

Homework

The children will continue to be given 9 homework tasks to pick from. Please encourage your child to complete one task each week. Please support your child with the learning of their times tables using TTRS or hit the button or writing them out on paper.

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English

The children are going to learn how to write an effective diary entry based on The Journal of Iliona, A Young Slave from the book Roman Diary by **Richard Platt**. They will also learn how to write a poem based on the poem Still I Rise by Maya Angelou.

Reading

In reading, the children will explore their class reader 'The Infinite' by the Author Patience Agbabi as well as looking at a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts during whole class reading. Please encourage your child to read at home daily. It is important they are reading a variety of genres to expose them to rich vocabulary.



Maths

The children will develop their understanding of multiplication and division and learn about length and perimeter. We will be continuing maths mastery this half-term. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables at home on <https://trockstars.com/>.

In **Science** the children will be learning about teeth and how the digestive system works. There are lots of practical opportunities and experiments to support their learning.

In **Geography** the children will be learning how they can live sustainably.

In **R.E** the children will explore Islam.

In **Computing** they will be continuing with their previous learning on how to code.

In **DT** the children will be looking at, designing, and making their own bendy wallet or purse.

In **Music** the children will be completing a unit on Purcell- BBC 10 Pieces Orchestra.

In **P.E** the children will learn how to play hockey, 4LS (2 weeks) & 4GB will be going swimming and the remainder of the year group will take part in gymnastics.

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In **PSHE**, children will be exploring the unit of 'Dreams & Goals' where they will be looking at setting future goals and aspirations.

Things to remember:

Homework & Reading records are due on **Mondays**.

PE for Year 4 takes place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform in line with our dress code policy, which can be found on the website in particular on days when they have PE. As the weather can be quite cold and wet, please ensure your child has a coat with them every day.



8th & 15th January - 4LS final 2 swimming lessons

W/C 13th January - Clubs start

22nd January - 4GB swimming lessons start

23rd January - Jamie Knight Football Freestyler assembly & workshop

29th January - Chinese New Year

5th - 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week.

11th February - Safer Internet Day

14th February

Last day of Spring 1

How can you support your child with their writing?

- Have your child write instructions for taking care of the family pet.
- Write a letter or thank you note to a relative.
- Make a shopping list before going to the shop.
- Write an online review of an item you recently purchased.
- Keep a personal diary.