

Year 4 Spring Term Topics

Welcome back!

Thank you so much for the great start of the term. All the children have settled in well and are very keen to learn. New pupils have also made an amazing start. This term we will be learning some exciting things.

Reading:	In Year 4, we will be reading The Chronicles of Narnia ' The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe ' by C.S. Lewis. In classes, we will be deepening our understanding of the book through daily discussion, exploring unusual and unfamiliar vocabulary and developing their understanding orally and through written comprehension. Children will also be visiting other different types of text over the term which will include some other non-fiction texts linked to the areas of the curriculum we are studying.
Writing:	Our writing will be linked to our reading book to create our own diary entries and other formal texts such as letters. We will continue working on new grammar features and revisiting and practising previous grammar so that it can be largely used independently. During the term, our new learning will focus on using and applying a wider range of conjunctions to extend sentences and choosing pronouns for clarity and cohesion. We will be revisiting the use of the present perfect tense, using and punctuating direct speech and using fronted adverbials.
Maths:	During the Spring term, we will be covering the topics of measure (converting, comparing and calculating different measures for length, mass and capacity), geometry (comparing, classifying shapes, symmetry in 2D shapes, horizontal, vertical, perpendicular and parallel lines, identifying, comparing and ordering different types of angles) and statistics (sorting using different types of diagrams, classifying numbers and geometric shapes based on their properties, interpreting and presenting data using graphical methods like bar charts). We will continue to recap number work including sequencing and place value, calculations, problem solving. Also, we will continue to be focussing heavily on times tables. Practising at home is a must , so children are ready for their test in June.
Science:	Our topic for the first half of the term is Electricity. We will be making different types of circuits containing various components, and investigating which materials are electrical insulators or conductors. We will also discuss the safety aspects of mains electricity. After half term, we will be learning about the different types of teeth and their functions and the digestive system.
R.E.:	The children will be receiving a multi-faith curriculum. Our topics will include 'Being Modest and Listening to others' and 'Creating inclusion, Identity and Belonging'. We will be studying a variety of different faith stories as well as looking at different beliefs that faiths have.
P.H.S.E.:	This term, we will be focussing on core themes such as Health and Well Being with an emphasis on keeping safe. Children will have opportunities to understand how to be safe in and out of school through discussion, role-play and circle time games.
P.E.:	This term, we are very lucky to have the specialist cricket coaches from Warwickshire Cricket Club every Thursday afternoon.
Across the curriculum:	In the first half term, we will be learning about Rainforests in Geography. In Design and Technology, children will be looking at electrical systems with a focus on a light up object so they will design, make and evaluate a light up card. This will be supported by our weekly Science lessons covering Electricity. In the second half term, our History topic will be the Anglo-Saxons: where they came from and why they came to Britain. Year 4 will continue to have weekly music lessons taught by a specialist music teacher (class 4K will learn the cornet and class 4C will learn the flute). This term, we are also lucky to have a specialist teacher to teach Chess every Monday afternoon. Finally, French will be continued to be taught where the children will be learning new French vocabulary covering a variety of topics.

Important information

Please make sure your child brings their book and book bag to school every day.

P.E is currently cricket on a Thursday afternoon. Children will need to come to school in their P.E. kit for the day.

Homework

English homework – given out on **Friday** and due back the following **Tuesday**.

Maths homework - given out on **Tuesday** and due back the same week on **Friday**.

How can you help?

You can help us in school by:

- Reading everyday with your child, this really helps your child progress and develop an enjoyment for reading.
- Talk to your child about their day. Ask what they have enjoyed about each day. Being able to answer questions in full sentences will help your child develop their vocabulary and understanding.
- Making sure your child gets lots of sleep.
- Bringing in a water bottle every day.
- Practise their times tables in preparation for their test in June.

**Thank you for your support,
Mrs Choudhury, Mr Kelleher, Mrs Goode, Mrs Begum**