

# Year 4 Newsletter

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Our wonderful team of adults are here to help you with your learning this year. If there is anything you need to ask, please send us an email or catch us at the end of the school day.

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Welcome to Year 4!  
We are very excited to welcome you all back to school as we have lots of exciting things planned.

In this newsletter, you will find out more about all the things we will be learning about this term.

Please ensure you have your PE kits in school ready for our lesson on **Tuesday**.

## Diary Dates

Look out for further information coming out to you soon.

## Spellings

**HOMOPHONE:**  
Two or more words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings.

This is a pair of pears.

Can you remember how to use these homophones in a sentence?

there, their, they're

where, wear, were

our, are

## Newsletter challenge:

Together with your child, answer the questions on this newsletter and tick the boxes when you have!

In PSHE, we will be thinking about 'Being Me in My World' and our role within the school community. We will spend time talking about our Class Charter so we can make sure our class is a great place to be and learn.

Can you remember some of our class rules from the charter we created and tell your adult?

In RE, we will be learning about how special the relationship is between Jews and God and the promises they make to each other.

Can you find out 1 thing about Judaism?

## English

As writers this half term, we will be first reading *The Tear Thief* and using it to practise our amazing writing skills including basic sentence punctuation and simple story openers. We will then be investigating *The White Fox* and looking at how to add more detail into our sentences for the reader. This book is set in Seattle and Alaska and deals with the theme of belonging.

Can you find out anything about Seattle and Alaska ?

## Spanish

We will be learning how to introduce members of our family in Spanish. We will then learn how to describe features of our face in Spanish and putting colours with features such as eyes or hair.

Can you remember how to count to 20 in Spanish?

## Maths

We will be revisiting place value from Year 3 and then extending our knowledge with numbers up to four digits. We will also revisit our knowledge of addition and subtraction and practise using number lines and column methods. We will then look at applying this through different problems. This year we will become fluent in all our times tables and to do this, we will need to practise every day.

Children can do this by logging into Mathsframe multiplication check

## Science

As scientists, we will be investigating the relationship between solids, liquid and gases, classifying objects and identifying their properties. The children will work scientifically investigating melting and freezing.

What properties of materials do you know about?

## Art

As artists this half term we will be investigating the use of different media used by artists and creating our own mixed media pictures.

## Geography

This half term, our topic will be 'Natural Disasters.' We will look at the physical geography of the Earth and what causes earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes. We will also explore how these events affect people, communities and landscapes.

## Home Learning

Try to read at least 3 times per week or even better, everyday for at least 20 minutes! Once you've finished your book you will be able to do an Accelerated Reader quiz and earn points! How many can you earn this year?

Practise Times Table Rock Stars and spellings as often as you can.

Spelling quizzes will be held on Fridays normally.