

Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 1



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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 everyone back this term.

In this newsletter, you will find out more about all the things we will be learning about during Spring 1.

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

Newsletter challenge:

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

Diary Dates

Look out for further information coming out to you soon.

Spellings



We are learning about groups of letters which change the meaning of a root word.

In PSHE, we will be thinking about 'Hopes and Dreams'. We will spend time talking about how it feels to have a goal and steps we can take to achieve it.

Can you think of a dream or a goal that you would like to achieve?

In RE, we will be learning about Passover and investigating the key question: How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?

Can you find out about any Jewish celebrations?

As musicians this half term we will be continuing with our ukulele lessons. Talk to someone in your house about your ukulele lessons.

English

This half term in English, we will be reading *Cloud Tea Monkeys* written by Elspeth Graham and using it to inspire a range of writing. We will be focusing on increasing our vocabulary use to create powerful descriptions and using subordinate clauses in a range of ways to add more detail to our sentences.

We will also research Fairtrade and learn more about the setting of this book.

Can you find out anything about India?

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 colours in Spanish?

Maths

We will be revisiting place value from Autumn 1 and then extending our knowledge with decimals including hundredths. We will also be using our knowledge of addition and subtraction to solve two and three step problems. We will continue to become fluent in all our times tables and to do this, we will need to practise every day.

Don't forget to log into mathsframe multiplication check to practise your times tables and to work on your speed.

Science

This half term, as scientists, our topic is 'Electricity.' Children will be finding out how to light up a bulb in a circuit, use switches and motors and the children will then use this learning to create their own torches.

What items do you know that use electricity?

DT

As designers this half term, we will be designing and creating a working torch to help us see in the dark.

PE

Each week, the children will learn different gymnastic techniques and sequences within a group and independently.

Please make sure all PE kits are in school.

Home Learning

Try to read at least 3 times per week or even better, everyday for at least 20 minutes!

Practise your times tables and spellings as often as you can.