

Year 4 Newsletter



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Welcome to Year 4!

This half-term, our topic is 'Natural Disasters.' Children will be learning about extreme weather and how some of Earth's disasters occur and their impact on communities.

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.



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 half-term.

PE will be on **Tuesday** afternoon so please ensure your child has a PE kit. They will be able to wear the PE kit into school on a Tuesday.

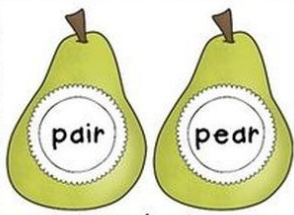
They will need a plain white t-shirt , black shorts and trainers. When the weather gets cooler, the children can bring a plain black or grey tracksuit.

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!

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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 our class rules from the charter we create and tell your adult?

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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 one thing about Judaism?

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English

As writers this half-term, we will 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 ?



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?



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 up to 15 in Spanish?



Art

As artists this half-term, we will be investigating the use of drawing and painting and will start to develop our techniques.

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.

Can you show someone in your home, the methods you use for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division?



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 come and tell your teacher all about it!

Practise Times Tables and spellings as often as you can.