

YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back after the holidays! We had a fantastic half term where all of the children worked extremely well and have made progress.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the children and lots of hard work to be done before they move onto Year 5.

Please find some useful information about what Year 4 have in store for this term.

Mrs Bryan and Mrs Gilpin

KEY DATES

PE days- Monday and Wednesday each week.

Homework will be given every Friday for Spelling test on the following Friday.

Maths and arithmetic

Throughout this term, Maths will be taught with a focus on arithmetic, problem solving and reasoning. As always, emphasis during arithmetic sessions is on the fluency of the four operations, with speed and accuracy. Rapid recall of times tables is essential when it comes to maths and by practicing daily, children will show great progress. By giving the children open ended tasks they will deepen their understanding of the objective learnt. Please encourage children to use their mathematical skills when out and about with you. In Year 4, the children will complete the Year 4 multiplication check, so regular practice on Times Table Rock Stars will help them feel confident.

Writing and reading

Reading is an essential part of everything we do at school; therefore, ensuring your child reads to an adult at least 4 times a week will help them to develop across all areas of the curriculum. We appreciate that many of the children are becoming independent readers at this stage, but fluency, comprehension and speed are vital skills they will need to continue and consolidate.

Our English lessons will be driven through the reading of class novels. We will study a number of novels and use them as a stimulus for our writing. We are currently using the text, 'Ice Palace' in our VIPERS sessions. To complement these texts, we will also use visual literacy as a stimulus for writing. Writing will involve writing for a range of audiences and children always take pride in their extended pieces of writing. We have been really impressed with the children's stamina to writing and their own creative flair!

The wider curriculum



In our Science lessons this term, we will be looking at 'States of matter', where children will be investigating the solids, liquids and gases. In Geography, the children will look at the local area of Stockton and create maps using grid references. During our RE, we are learning about 'Do Buddhists believe the same thing?' The children will be looking at Buddhist's place of worship and researching whether they have one god. In our PSHE, we are learning about relationships where children will look at friendships and how different feelings or emotions may impact on a particular relationship, but use the discussions to be a better person. While in our French lessons, the children will learn vocabulary and phrases related to travel. The children will be creative within their Design and Technology lessons, where they will be researching and evaluating products. This will then help the children make their own end product.