

Year 4 Newsletter Spring 2020

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable half term. I am looking forward to the upcoming learning and your return to school. This half term, our topic will be all about 'European Migration'. We have some very exciting lessons planned and I am looking forward to seeing the children engaged with all aspects of their learning. Please ensure that if your child is attending school, that you arrive at school on time, and if your child is learning from home, that they are on time for all live lessons.

Literacy

This term we will be reading the books: 'The boy at the back of the class' an amazing story by Onjali Q. Rauf and 'Way Home' by Libby Hathorn. Linking to our first novel, 'The boy at the back of the class', the children will be using their persuasive language and write a letter to the Prime Minister. Linking to our second text 'Way Home' the children will be writing an explanation text.

Key vocabulary:

Persuasive language
Conjunctions
Adjectives
Alliteration
Prepositions
Negative synonyms

Mathematics

This term, we will be continuing our Fraction unit. As well as looking into decimals.

Homework - Every week the children will receive 3 Mathematics tasks. They will now be set every Friday and are expected to be completed by the following Friday. If your child requires computer access in school time, or you would prefer paper copies, please let us know.

Key vocabulary:

unit and non-unit fractions, equivalent, tenths, $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{5}$ $\frac{1}{10}$, decimal, point.



Uniform - Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform - they look very smart. Thank you also for your support in ensuring that make up, jewellery and nail varnish is not worn for school. Small ear studs are permitted. As a reminder, dyed hair and tramline hairstyles are not permitted.

Reading - When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words using their phonics and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary.

Stop them regularly, to check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know?

Books will be changed every Tuesday. Please ensure planners are signed to show your child has read their book.

SCIENCE

Year 4 Science:

In Science, we will be looking at states. We will be exploring solid, liquid and gases. The children will observe how materials change state when they are heated and cooled. The children will have many opportunities to carry out experiments. The children will be asking relevant questions, use different scientific enquires, set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests. We will also be looking into evaporation, identifying the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

Key Vocabulary:

Solid, gases, liquid, melting point, boiling point, condensation, evaporation, freezing point, water cycle.





Other Curriculum Areas

Geography - This term our topic will be 'European Migration'. The children will explore why people migrate, focussing specifically on Irish migration to Liverpool in the 1800s. They will be researching what the impact of the Irish migration had on the city of Liverpool. We will also be looking at a case study on migration from Poland. Linking nicely to our English narrative, the children will be going into depth about refugees and asylum seekers.

PE - This term, we will be focusing on developing our invasion games skills and learning all about hockey.

PSHE - This term, we will be learning about, belonging to a community, media literacy and digital resilience, money and work.

Computing - This term, we will be using the computers to complete activities through our Teams

The Bulletin Board

PE is on a **Thursday**.
Please ensure children have their kit every week.

Planners should be handed in every day. Please record in here when your child has read at home and sign weekly.

Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be brought back to school the following Friday. This will include weekly spellings, Mathletics, topic homework, a comprehension on teams and a Grammar task on teams.

Spelling tests will be on a Friday.

IMPORTANT DATES

Parents' Evenings for Reception to Year 5 will be 26, 27, 28 April.
(Further info to follow)

Thurs 1 April - School closes

Mon 12 April - Staff INSET day

Tues 13 April - School opens to pupils