

Year 4 - Newsletter - Term 4

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable half term. This half term, our topic will be all about 'Rivers'. We have very exciting lessons planned and I am looking forward to seeing the children engaged with all aspects of their learning. Please ensure that you arrive at school on time, remember to bring your planners in everyday and bring in a healthy snack for playtime.

Literacy

This term, we will be reading a range of books from 'The Legends of King Arthur - Merlin, Magic and Dragons, retold by Tracy Mayhew'.

For our non-fiction text, we will be exploring non chronological reports and writing all about castles, using our class text to help us.

Then, moving onto our fiction work, we will be exploring different plots in the stories we have read in class, and write our own!

Key vocabulary:

Direct speech
Coordinating and subordinating conjunctions
Fronted adverbials
Sentence types

Mathematics

This term, we will be starting our fraction topic and our decimals topic too!

Homework - Every week, the children will receive homework based on our previous learning this year. This will enable children to embed any previous misconceptions and practice tricky word problems independently.

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, fake tan 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.

Year 4 Science:

In Science, we will be looking at states. We will be exploring solids, liquids 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 ask 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 associating the rate of evaporation with temperature.

Key Vocabulary:

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



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Other Curriculum Areas

This half term, our topic will be linked to rivers and mountains, and the landscape that surrounds them. We will be looking at rivers and mountains in the UK, Europe and across the world.

Why is the River Thames so amazing?

As researchers, we will discover all the amazing uses for the River Thames. We will use maps to locate the river and investigate the many uses the River Thames has.



What journey does a river take?

As geographers, we will learn about the long journey of the river. We will watch videos to explore the long, winding passage the river takes beginning at the top of the mountain, right to the massive oceans and lakes at the end.

What do the rivers of the world look like?

Using maps, compasses, and the internet we will explore the many rivers and mountains of world; looking at their location, features and uses.

- **Swimming** will be every **Monday afternoon**.
- **Football** will be every **Wednesday afternoon**.

Please ensure children have their kit every week, this includes indoor and outdoor kit.

- **Planners** should be handed in every day. Please record in here when your child has read at home and sign weekly.
- **Spelling tests** will be on a **Friday**.

The Bulletin Board

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day

W/B 7th March - Science week

Monday 14th March - International Maths Day

Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day

Friday 8th April - break up for Easter