



Year 4 Spring Newsletter



January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had an excellent Winter break and are feeling refreshed for the new year ahead.

Contacting us

If you need to contact us regarding your child's education or wellbeing, please email your child's class teacher.

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PE

Like last term, the children will have their weekly PE sessions with Billy on Tuesdays and Fridays. They will also have dance lessons on a Thursday with Emanuela. Please ensure that children wear the school PE kit on each of these days. Children will be expected to be wearing sensible footwear for sports and have a refillable water bottle.

Literacy

This term the children will read "Journey to the River Sea" by Eva Ibbotson, followed by Edward Lear's poetry. They will be writing a variety of extended pieces, including letters, non-chronological reports, narratives and poems. These texts will give the children the opportunity to use their imagination, explore interesting vocabulary and apply the different aspects of grammar from the Year 4 curriculum.

Numeracy

We will begin by applying previously learned skills to multiply and divide 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. The next unit the children will explore is length and perimeter of multi-faceted shapes. This is followed by a unit on fractions including whole numbers, mixed numbers and proper and improper fractions. The final unit is on decimals and their relationship with fractions.

Homework

In Year 4 the children will receive 2 pieces of homework on Monday each week on Google Classroom, one English and one Maths. This may include a Reading Journal, a spelling, punctuation or grammar task or maths from the IXL website. We expect this to be completed by the following Monday. Please let us know if you do not have access to a computer device at home as the school can provide one.

History and Geography

Our topic of the term is 'Carnival: A study of South America'. This is a primarily a geography-based topic, with historical elements. The children will learn about the impact of explorers on the native South American countries, then about the modern day countries, cities and geographical features. They will then complete a case study on the South American rainforest. Finally, they will learn about Brazil and compare it to the UK.

Snacks and Water

We are a healthy eating school, so all children will receive a portion of fruit as their morning snack each day. Please make sure that your child brings a water bottle in to school, to ensure that they are hydrated and alert.

Science

In Science the children will be exploring States of Matter. They will complete various experiments about solids, liquids and gases and their changing states. They will also study the water cycle and examine rates of evaporation.

Many thanks,

Shuhana Begum and Joanne Hay