

Spring 1 Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We wanted to start our newsletter by wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

The new year brings many exciting opportunities to Year 4 and therefore we wanted to update you on a few things you may need to know this term.

Reading – Reading for pleasure is the key to reading success so reading any story to your child will be of huge benefit to them. Any books they enjoy will help to engage them and ignite their love of books and reading - so snuggle up and get reading together! We will be focusing on reading fluently and with expression, answering questions about the text including using inference and choosing appropriate books that interest them.

Please complete their reading record once you've heard them read or read to them. We would like them to read 4 times a week where possible. Children who achieve this will get a sticker/stamp in their reading record. They will also receive a raffle ticket to go into a weekly draw to win a book from our new vending machine.

PE - Our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will always try to go out even in cold and damp weather so children will need appropriate clothing every week!

Brass – Brass lessons always take place on Thursdays and this is when the children must bring in their instruments.

Homework - Daily reading (any reading is valuable, not only the school reading book); Spelling Shed – games will be based on spelling patterns / tricky words that we are learning in school; Times Table Rockstars and a weekly Maths activity and reading comprehension activity will be printed and given to your child on Friday; they will have one week to complete this and return it to school. on Seesaw which will be set on a Friday and should be completed by the following Friday.

Contact Details:

If at any point, you would like to speak to any of us, please email us directly.

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OUR TOPICS

Biomes

Sound



PE – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Please bring a named water bottle to school every day.

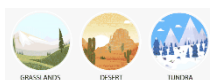
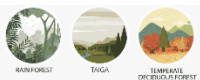
Brass – instruments to be brought into school every Thursday.

Please make sure your child has got everything they need in their pencil case – a black handwriting pen (not a biro), a pencil, a rubber, a pencil sharpener and a gluestick.



Geography

In Geography, we are learning about Biomes. The children will learn what a biome is. Then they will look more deeply at a range of biomes including the alpine biome, the desert biome, the deciduous forest biome and the grasslands biome.



English

This half term, we will be reading a book called The Wild Robot by Peter Brown. The children will write persuasive emails to the main character to persuade them to make stay on the island and to make friends.

We really want the children to improve the presentation of their writing and to work on their spellings.



PE

Netball – we will build the skills of throwing the ball in different ways.

Gym – we will focus on weighted bunny hops, arabesque balances and over the shoulder rolls.

Computing

This term, the children will be learning all about the technology in our lives where the children will be learning about the internet and the World Wide Web.



This Half Term our Discovery learning topics are:

Exploring Biomes

and

Sound



PSHE

Keeping myself Safe

The children will learn the difference between Dangers, Risks and Hazards and how to manage these and stay safe.

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RE

In RE, the children will explore the key beliefs of Sikhi and this will focus on the importance of equality. They will understand the values which Sikhs live by and how they express this through their community and their commitment to pray.

Art

In Art, the children will complete a unit on Photography with a focus on Deciduous forests. They will take photos and edit them.



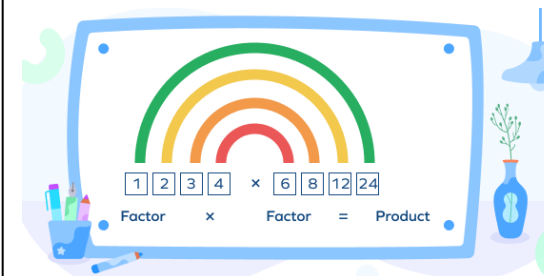
Science

In Science, we will learn about how sound is made and measured. The children will plan and carry out an investigation to find out if sound gets quieter the further away from the source it gets.

Maths

During this half term, the children will continue to develop their understanding for their times tables. They will learn to multiply and divide a 2 or 3 digit number by a 1 digit number.

We will also learn about Factor Pairs.



Music

The children will learn to play a brass instrument. Their teacher will be Mr Chappell.



Spanish

The children will learn how to talk about their hobbies.

