

Year 4 Curriculum Letter -Spring 1 2022

Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a wonderful break and feel refreshed and ready to begin the New Year!

This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

The Year 4 team

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Topic

Our new topic will be Our Local Area. This will be the focus for our history, geography and other foundation subjects. We will be learning all about the UK and London with a focus on historical landmarks and important figures from in and around our local area.



English

This term in English, we will begin by focusing on 'Zoo' by Anthony Browne, which is a wonderfully illustrated fiction book about a family trip to the Zoo. We will be using this book to help develop children's writing skills within the context of exploring the world from different perspectives and persuasive writing, including letters and adverts.

As well as this we will be writing diary entries, using engaging and interesting language. To support children in their developing literacy skills we will continue to do daily comprehension, reading and spelling activities. We are also continuing regular handwriting to encourage pride in presentation.



Maths

Our first focus of the year will be on Length and Perimeter. This will include converting lengths into different units of measurement, leading onto solving word problems using this knowledge. We will then move on to reviewing our understanding of multiplication and division. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practice their times tables!



Science

Our first topic is Animals including Humans, we will be looking at the digestive system in both humans and animals, as well as the functions of teeth. We will be learning more about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores in the context of teeth, digestion and the food chain. We will also be extending our understanding of food chains to even more complex chains and food webs.

Spanish

This half term we will be looking at the Natural World, learning vocabulary linked to animals, plants and colours.

Art/DT

Our Art lessons will reflect our learning in English and Topic with a focus on graphic design.

PE

Please note that our PE days have changed. PE will be taught twice a week on **Thursdays (Swimming) and Fridays (Cricket)**. On Fridays, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their school PE kit and has a water bottle. For swimming, please make sure that your child has their swimming kit (including swimming hat and towel) with them on Thursdays. The children will change for swimming at the pool. Please ensure that ALL of your child's clothing is labelled with their name to avoid any confusion in the changing rooms.

Rough daily timetable:	Dates for the diary:
9:00-9:50 Reading	Friday 11 th February - Homework Due
9:50-10:50 Maths	14 th - 18 th February - Half term
BREAK	PE days: Thursdays (Swimming) + Fridays (Cricket)
11:05-12:20 English	
12:20-12:40 Times Tables/Spelling	
LUNCH	
13:25-14:15	
Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE	
14:15-15:00	
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Reminders:

- Please ensure your child reads for **at least 10 minutes every day** and records this in their **reading journal**.
- In the cold and wet weather, please make sure your child comes to school with a suitable coat (labelled with their name) and footwear.