

Year 4 Curriculum Letter -Spring 1 2023

Welcome to Spring 1!

Happy New Year! Year 4 has started off brilliantly and the children worked so hard in the Autumn term. We have now completely settled in and can't wait to keep learning! 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

Galaxy Class- Mrs. Cormier and Mrs. Moshkura
Supernova Class- Miss Barnett and Miss Kelly

Topic

Our topic this half term will be 'The Tudors'. We will be learning about this exciting period in history and making lots of cross-curricular links to Art and DT.

English

We have started this half term by carrying on our study of 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes.

We are reading 'Tamarind and the Star of Ishta' by Jasbinder Bilan to further develop our comprehension and reading skills. (We are already loving both of these incredible stories!)

Maths

We are carrying on our work on multiplication and division to start the half-term. We have learned about factors, multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and will soon move to formal written methods for multiplying and dividing 2- and 3-digit numbers. We will then move on to learning about length and perimeter. We are getting closer to the Multiplication Tables Check that will take place at the end of year, so please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practice their maths facts and times tables.

Science

Our topic is 'Animals Including Humans'. In this topic we will learn to describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans, identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions and construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

Music

We will be building on the experience of learning Samba drumming and continuing to develop our skills involving beat and rhythm.

Art/DT

We will be creating Art linked to our topic 'The Tudors'. We will be creating Tudor portraits, a Tudor rose relief tile and learning to stitch our own Tudor purses.

PE

This term we are learning to play volleyball. Our lessons will take place on Monday. Please make sure PE kits are in school. Swimming will continue on Thursday.

PSHE

Our PSHE topic this half term is all about Dreams and Goals.

Spanish

The children very much enjoyed our Spanish days last term, so we will be bringing that back again! We will take our knowledge of greetings and basic conversations to the next level.

| Rough daily timetable: | Dates for the diary: |
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| 9:00-10:00 Maths | • 13 January: Homework books sent out |
| 10:00-10:40 Reading | • 20 January: Chinese New Year |
| BREAK | • 27 January: Holocaust Memorial Day |
| 11:00-11:30 Grammar/Handwriting | • 28 January - 5 February: National Storytelling Week |
| 11:30-12:30 English | • 3 February: Number Day |
| LUNCH | • 6 and 7 February: Zoo Lab Visiting |
| 1:30-2:30 | • wb 6 February: Mental Health Week |
| Topic/Science/Computing/Art/PSHE | • 7 February: Safer Internet Day |
| 2:30-3:30 | • 10 February: Tutorial Day (School closed for children) |
| Topic/Science/Computing/Art/PSHE | • 13-17 February: Half-term |

