



Year 4's Newsletter

Spring 1 2024

The Teachers in Year 4 are Miss Meredith, Mrs McIlroy, Mrs Bramley and Mrs Holt.
The Teaching Assistant for Wonderful Woodpeckers is Mrs Bamford.
The Teaching Assistant for the Deaf for Busy Bees is Mrs Fox.

Our Topic this Half Term is 'Misty Mountain, Winding River'

In this topic, we will be learning about the characteristics and physical processes of rivers, including how they shape the landscape over time. We will learn how to use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, and a key to locate and plot geographical places and features on a map. We will have the opportunity to learn about the stages of the water cycle and about mountains and their different formations, studying mountain ranges in the United Kingdom and around the world. We will also learn about how human and natural influences can have an impact on the environment. In English this half term, we will be writing to inform through the form of a non-chronological report. We will also be writing a detailed setting description and an adventure narrative. The texts we will be using are two non-fiction texts titled 'Exploring Rivers' and 'Can you survive extreme mountain climbing?' by Matt Doeden and a fiction text titled 'This morning I met a whale' by Michael Morpurgo.

How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

- Use the internet to search for pictures and facts of famous rivers around the world such as the Nile or the Thames.
- Research famous mountains in the UK, for example Snowdon or famous mountains around the world, such as Mount Everest.
- Create some fact files on rivers and mountains that can be used in lessons.

Maths

Our learning for this half term will be:

- Place value and rounding
- Mental addition and subtraction
- Addition and subtraction using column method
- Multiplication using the column method
- Division using the short written method (bus stop)
- Fractions and Decimals

General Reminders:

Home Learning: Home learning will be sent out on a Friday and needs to be returned by the following Thursday. Your child will be able to access home learning activities through Purple Mash. They will receive an email every week through the communication and email section on Purple Mash. Please read through the home learning sheet as this gives you the details on the activities. Please encourage children to practise their times tables every day on TT Rockstars or Hit the Button. Spellings will also be set on Sumdog for children to practice at home.

PE: Busy Bees: Monday and Tuesday

Woodpeckers: Monday (Swimming) and Tuesday

Please ensure children wear the appropriate summer/winter PE kits when they come to school so they can participate in the lessons.

Earrings must be removed at home on each P.E day.

Reading: Please continue to read regularly with your child on MYON and using the reading book they bring home.

Water Bottles: Please make sure your child brings their bottle to school every day.

Healthy Snack: Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack every day for break, fruit or vegetables.

Useful Websites:

www.myon.org.uk

<https://www.purplemash.com/>

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

www.sumdog.com

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Spring Dates for your Diary:

06.02.24: Safer Internet Day

15.02.24: Break up for half term

16.02.24: INSET day

26.02.24: Return for Spring 2 term

Any other Information

The staff in Year 4 are really looking forward to another wonderful half term, and all of the activities that we have planned.