



Year 4's Newsletter

Spring 2 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 Main Project this term is 'Misty Mountain, Winding River'.

During our topic this half term, we will be working on our mini projects. Our first mini Science project is called 'States of Matter', the children will learn about solids, liquids and gases and their properties. They will observe how materials change state as they are heated and cooled. Our second mini project for Science is called 'Grouping and Classifying'. This project teaches children about grouping living things, known as classification. The children will learn about the animal and plant kingdoms and use and create classification keys to identify living things. Our first mini project for Art is called 'Vista'. Within this project, the children will be learning about the techniques that artists use when composing landscape images, such as colour and atmosphere. Our next mini project for Design and Technology is called 'Functional and Fancy Fabrics', the children will be learning about home furnishings and the designer William Morris. They will learn about techniques for decorating fabrics, including block printing, hemming and embroidery. The children will use skills to design and make a fabric sample. Our final mini Art project is called 'Animal', the children will be learning about the historical and cultural portrayal of animals in art. They will study the visual qualities of animals through sketching, print making and clay modelling.

In English this half term, we will be writing an explanation text about the three states of matter. We will also be completing a unit of work on poetry.

In Whole Class Reading this half term, we will be focussing on the non-fiction book titled 'Solids, Liquids and Gases' by Louise Spilsbury and Richard Spilsbury and a fiction book titled 'The Man who moved a Mountain.' We will be continuing to practise our inference and retrieval skills as well as making predictions.

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

- Use the internet to research William Morris and create a poster all about him.
- Research animal patterns and try using these to create a textured picture.
- When you are out and about, find an interesting landscape to draw.
- Carry out your own investigation linked to solids, liquids and gases. You could try the investigation that we completed at school, where we placed a bowl of water in a sunny location.

Maths

Our learning for this half term will be:

- Decimals
- Geometry
- Data Handling
- Measure

General Reminders:

Home Learning: Home learning will be sent out on a Friday and needs to be returned 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.**

PE: Busy Bees: Monday (Swimming) and Tuesday

Woodpeckers: Monday (Forest School) and Tuesday

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

Swimming costumes, towels and swimming caps bought in a bag to school with them.

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

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

Water Bottles: Please make sure your child brings their bottle to school every day. They should contain **water** only.

Healthy Snack:

No snack is provided in Year 4. Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack (a piece of fruit only) every day for snack.

Useful Websites:

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

<https://www.sumdog.com/en/>

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

Spring Dates for your Diary:

Monday 26th February - Term starts

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day:

Tuesday 12th March and Thursday 14th March - Parents Evening:

Wednesday 13th March 11:00am – 11:30am -

Parental Engagement Handwriting

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief

Wednesday 27th March 9:15am – 10:00am

Parental Engagement Year 4 Showcase:

Thursday 28th March Easter Bonnet Parade & Term ends

Return for Summer 1: Monday 15th April

Any other Information:

The staff in Year 4 are really looking forward to another amazing half term and sharing our learning with you.