



Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 1



January 2024

Happy New Year!

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your Christmas and wish you all the best for 2023. Year 4 have loads of exciting learning going on this half term! School doors open at 8:35am, with the doors closing at 8.45am. We finish at 3.15.

In English, we are going to be writing a diary entry based on the magical and mysterious book, Leon and the Place Between. Later in the half term, we will write an explanation text based on the book, Blue John.



In maths, we will be moving on with multiplication and division, including using formal written methods to multiply two 2 digit numbers, so it is essential that the children continue to work hard to learn their times tables.

In guided reading, we are doing whole class work around a particular book; this term it is the exciting Madame Pamplemousse and Her Incredible Edibles, which is based in Paris! Children will read from the book, discuss it and then answer a range of comprehension style questions.

Our science topic this half term is Electricity, within which we will compare objects that are main powered and battery powered, as well as building electrical circuits using different components.



We are learning about the Ancient Egyptians in our history topic, including research that covers the wondrous tomb of Tutankhamun. The children will have the opportunity to explore Ancient Egyptian artefacts, write using hieroglyphics

and find out about the gruesome act of mum-



mification! In DT they will use their recently acquired scientific knowledge of electricity to design their own torches!

In computing, the children will be learning all about repetition in shapes through coding. In our PSHE lessons this half term, we will be exploring respectful relationships, including those online. In geography, we will be learning about modern day Egypt, comparing this to the UK and finding out why people choose to live in different countries.

In RE, the children will explore how the teachings of Buddha could make the world a better place. In music, they will be appraising different pieces by the renowned Puccini, and then composing their own music!



Children will be developing their Spanish skills in MfL to speak about and describe their family.

Finally, in P.E children will be starting dance with the theme 'Volcanoes' and will continue to swim once a week.

Things to remember:

Homework:

Given out - **Monday**

Due in - **Friday**

HOMEWORK:

Spellings

Times Tables

Reading (3x a week)

Class Novel:

We will be reading Billionaire Boy by David Walliams.

Spelling Test - **Monday**

Timetables Test- **Thursday (fortnightly)**

Reading books :

Children are welcome to choose their own reading book and can change it whenever needed. Reading is expected at least **3 times a week** and their diary must be brought in **every day**.

PE:

Children must come to school in their uniform and **should bring their PE kits** to change into. Swimming is on Tuesday and P.E is on Friday, however P.E kits should be in school every day.

Important information: On Monday 15th January, we will be going to Manchester Museum for a day of 'Golden Mummies'. If your child has a packed lunch, please pack this in a disposable bag., if you child has school dinners, this will be provided.