

YEAR 4 CLASS NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2

THE YEAR FOUR TEAM



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WELCOME BACK

I hope you have all had a great break and have enjoyed some time with friends and family.

We are going into the start of the second half of the year and ready to work hard to be the very best that we can be!

SCIENCE

In Science, we will be learning about sound. We will learn about how sound is made and how it travels through a medium to the ear.

We will also investigate how pitch and volume can change depending on how strong or fast the vibrations are.

HISTORY

In History, we will be learning about Ancient Benin. We will learn about their use of Bronze and compare it to the British Bronze Age. We will use a range of historical sources of evidence to learn about their lives and consider things such as gender roles, slavery and their achievements.

MATHS

In Maths this half term, we will continue learning about fractions and decimals. We will link this learning and look at how we can express numbers in each way. We will continue to focus on our times tables knowledge in preparation for the test in the Summer term.

PSHE

In PSHE, our theme is 'Healthy Me'. We will be learning about friendship groups and how groups have leaders and followers. As part of this, we will learn about peer pressure and how we can resist this. We will also learn about smoking and alcohol and the effect that these have on the body.

ART

In Art, we will be learning about the famous artist – Van Gogh. We will begin by critiquing some of his painting before moving on to developing our skills to use tints, tones and shades of colours, textures and patterns and brush techniques to enhance a painting. We will then use and apply these skills to create our own paintings.

ENGLISH

In English, we will be learning how to write cinquain poetry and explanation texts. We will be applying all of the grammatical elements that we have learnt so far in Year Four and learning new ways to develop and enrich our writing. Our class text is 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. We will enjoy this text together and use it as a source of inspiration for our writing.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about the Christian belief on creation. We will consider what Christians believe about God as the creator and how this influences how they live and care for the world. We will then compare these beliefs with other worldviews.

PE

Our PE for this half term will be Swimming. We will attend Baysgarth Leisure Centre each Wednesday afternoon. During these sessions we will learn or develop our skills in swimming. We will learn different strokes and aim to swim greater distances.

COMPUTING

In Computing, we will be developing our skills as coders. We will learn new programming skills including co-ordinates, loops and variables before applying these skills to create our own game that keeps a score.

MUSIC

We will be learning to listen and appraise a the song 'Lean on Me' by Bill Withers. We will learn and perform this song and compliment it with instruments. We will then be using what we have learnt to improvise and perform our compositions.

FRENCH

In French, we will learn how to have short conversations about our families. We will learn the vocabulary for different family member and be able to say their names and ages within sentences.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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FEBRUARY

- 24th – Residential Meeting
- 26th – Dentist to visit pupils at school

MARCH

- 2nd – World Book Day Disco
- 3rd – Behaviour Policy Meeting
- 5th – World Book Day
- 6th – Let Girls Play Football Session
- 12th – Step into NHS
- 20th – Comic Relief

APRIL

- 3rd – Easter Service

CLASS ROUTINES AND HELPING AT HOME

As we are completing swimming lessons, this will be our PE time this half term! These sessions will take place weekly, each Wednesday with the last session taking place on 25th March.

Please read with your child 5 times a week and record this in their reading record. We encourage reading for enjoyment and children can read anything that takes their fancy, it does not always have to be their school reading book!

Please make sure reading books and records are sent into school on a Monday.

Children access Times Tables Rock Stars in school daily to develop their times tables knowledge and help to prepare them for the times tables check towards the end of Year 4. **Children each have an individual login which they can use to practice these at home too and should be completing session at home weekly as part of their homework activities!**

Please speak to the Year 4 team if you need any help accessing the site or need assistance with anything else.