



## Year 4 Newsletter – Pentecost Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a peaceful Easter and are enjoying once again the things that you may have given up during Lent.

Here are the details of our learning in Year 4 for this half term. As always if you have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo or in person at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Read

### **Maths**

- Decimals
- Money
- Time

We will also be completing reasoning activities on each of these areas in order to promote the mastery of the Year 4 curriculum.

### **Times Tables**

We will continue to prepare the children for the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check assessment that all of the children will be completing next half term. Please follow this link for more details: [Information for parents: 2022 multiplication tables check \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/101222/2022-multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents.pdf). In order to prepare them for this we will be having a weekly test on a given times table and corresponding division facts. The children will also be able to practice their times table skills by playing the Soundcheck Game on TT RockStars and it is recommended that the children play this game often, as it will prepare them for the format of the test at the end of the year. These are also good websites and activities for the children to use [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Hit-the-Button-Quick-fire-maths-practise-for-6-11-year-olds) and [Daily 10 - Mental Maths Challenge - Topmarks](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Daily-10-Mental-Maths-Challenge) – Multiplication - Level 4.

### **English**

Our focus will be on non-fiction texts and we will be exploring:

- Explanation texts
- Balanced arguments
- Instructions
- Non-chronological reports
- Information texts

In grammar we will focus on using were/was, did/ done, I/me, have/have not, these/those/them correctly.

Our spellings will be words beginning with the prefixes im-, il-, ir- and re-. We will also continue with the Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings. Please encourage your child to practice regularly for their weekly spelling test.

## **RE**

Our first topic will be about Pentecost and New Life and we will discuss the Good News and how the apostles felt when they were given the power of the Holy Spirit. Our next topic will focus on the religion of Islam during which we will explore the importance of the Qur'an for Muslims and the 99 beautiful names for Allah.

Our final topic this half term will be about building bridges. We will discuss how in order for bridges to be built, a person has to acknowledge wrongdoing, so as to be reconciled to others and to God and that this can be formally celebrated in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

## **Music**

We will continue to learn to play the ukulele and further develop our musical knowledge and skills. The children will create and perform their own compositions and be introduced to dynamics.

## **Science**

We will complete our topic Living Things and their Habitat that we started last half term. We will then begin our next topic which is about Human Nutrition with a focus on teeth and digestion. The children will:

- Describe the parts and function of the digestive system.
- Identify the types of human teeth and their functions.
- Construct and interpret a variety of food chains.

## **Computing**

We will be investigating how to use the coding programme Scratch to create and then use algorithm blocks to make an interactive quiz.

## **Design and Technology**

We will be looking at the food that we eat, where it comes from and the environmental importance of eating seasonal foods. We will be furthering our understanding of a healthy and balanced diet and will then use this knowledge to plan and prepare a delicious meal.

## **Geography**

Our focus will be on Geographical Skills and Fieldwork and we will be exploring:

- The 8 points of the compass
- Sketch maps
- Keys and symbols on maps
- Ordnance Survey maps
- Key physical and human features of the local area

## **PSHE**

Our focus will be on:

- Being Healthy: Mental Health
- Money Matters: Cost
- Relationships

## **Reminders**

- P.E – lessons will be on a Tuesday and a Thursday and the children should have their indoor and outdoor / winter kit available as lessons will be taken outside at every opportunity the weather permits
- Reading books – the children should be reading their allocated reading scheme book regularly at home and can change their book as often as they need to
- Weekly tests – the children will have a spelling and times table test every Friday. A list of spellings and test details will be sent home at the beginning of each half term
- Homework – homework will be given out on a Friday and should be completed and returned to school by the following Wednesday