



## Year 4 Newsletter – Lent Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is an overview of our learning this half term in Year 4.

Spellings and times table information have been sent home separately so please encourage your child to practice regularly for each weekly test.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Read

### **Maths**

- Fractions
- Decimals

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 during the Summer Term. Please follow this link for more details:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>.

In order to prepare them for this we will continue to have a weekly test on a given times table and/or corresponding division facts. The children will also be able to practice their times table skills by playing the Soundcheck Game on TT RockStars or [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds](#) ([topmarks.co.uk](http://topmarks.co.uk)) or [Daily 10 - Mental Maths Challenge - Topmarks](#). It is recommended that the children play these games several times a week as it will prepare them for the speed of the actual test at the end of the year.

### **English**

We will be reading The Great Kapok Tree and will be looking at:

- Information texts
- Balanced arguments / debates
- Persuasive writing – letters

In grammar we will focus on: noun phrases, modifying adjectives and nouns, determiners before modifiers and prepositional and expanded noun phrases.

Our spellings will be words beginning with the prefixes inter-, auto-, ir-, super- and anti-. Also, words containing the 'short i' sound.

## **RE**

Our topic will be about Lent and Easter and we will start this topic by talking about the importance of self-discipline. We will explore how to live during Lent in God's way, the events of Holy Week, the significance of Good Friday and the Empty Tomb. We will also visit the church and look at the Stations of the Cross display around the building.

## **Music**

We will continue to learn to play the ukulele and further develop our musical knowledge and skills. Our topic is 'I can read music and improve my performance.' The children will create and perform their own compositions and be introduced to dynamics.

## **Science**

Our topic is called Living Things and their Habitat and the children will:

- Recognise that living things can be grouped in different ways
- Explore and use classification keys
- Know the effects of changes to the local environment

## **Computing**

Our topic is about Word Processing and we will:

- Format images
- Insert a table into a Word document
- Create Hyperlinks
- Use a Spellcheck tool

## **Art/ Design and Technology**

In Design and Technology we will be focusing on Super Seasonal Cooking and the children will learn about:

- Seasonality
- How ingredients are reared, caught or processed
- Having a healthy and varied diet

## **Geography**

Our topic is about the United Kingdom and we will learn about:

- Counties and major cities in England
- Key physical features of the UK
- Urban and rural land use
- The Prime Meridian

## **PSHE**

Our focus will be on being responsible and drug education.

## **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. All jewellery, including earrings must be removed and long hair or fringes should be tied back.
- 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.