



Year 4 Newsletter – Pentecost Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that 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 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) assessment that all of the children in Year 4 will be completing next half 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](#)

[\(topmarks.co.uk\)](#) 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 official MTC test.

English

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

- Explanation texts
- Balanced arguments
- Instructions
- Non-chronological reports
- Information texts (leaflets)

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.

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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. We will then learn about Hinduism and the importance of their Holy Books and the stories that they contain.

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

Our topic is called Animals Including Humans and the children will learn about:

- The functions of the parts of the human digestive system.
- The different types and functions of teeth.
- Constructing and interpreting a variety of food chains.

Computing

We will explore how to Communicate and Collaborate responsibly and safely using technology and computer networks.

Design and Technology

Our topic is called Insects and we will be using the work of famous artists to inspire us to create mosaic and 3D insects.

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
- 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 kits available as lessons will be taken outside at every opportunity the weather permits
- All jewellery must be removed before taking part in P.E. lessons
- 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