



Year 4 Newsletter – Lent Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

A copy of the spellings and times table information has been posted onto Class Dojo and a paper copy will also be sent home so please encourage your child to practice regularly for each weekly test.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Read

Maths

- Fractions (continued from Lent 1)
- Decimals
- Money

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. We will be having a weekly test on a given times table and this half term we will be focusing on the 11x and 12x tables 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. A good website for the children to use is the Daily Ten website which the children will be familiar with as we use this as part of our learning in school.

English

We will be reading *Weslandia* by Paul Fleischman and will be focusing on:

- Retellings
- Character descriptions
- Book reviews

In grammar we will be learning about: modifying adjectives and nouns, determiners before modifiers, prepositional phrases, expanded noun phrases and word families.

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

Reading

The children are expected to read at home at least 3 times a week and then an adult is to sign their Home Reading Record each time that they read. They can change their home reading book as often as they need to and they will be able to do this at the start of each school day. We will be checking Home Reading Records weekly and then keeping a record of the children that do read 3 times each week at home and then these children will receive a reward at the end of each half term.

RE

We will continue with the topic Giving and receiving that we started last half term. We will then begin the Self Discipline topic as part of our preparations for Easter. We will talk about the importance of self-discipline and how to live during Lent in God's way. We will learn about the events of Holy Week, the significance of Good Friday and the Empty Tomb. We will be visiting our church to look at the Stations of the Cross that are displayed 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 about Electricity and Energy. The children will know:

- Common appliances that use energy
- How to build and draw series circuits
- What has gone wrong in a circuit
- Conductors and insulators
- About conductivity within a circuit
- What energy is
- How we can reduce our energy usage

Computing

Our topic is about Animation and we will explore how to:

- Create moving stick figures
- Create a recorded animation
- Use a time slider
- Use a camera to create a short motion animation film
- Evaluate our work

Art/ Design and Technology

This half term is a Design and Technology topic focusing on textiles and how to change a 2D shape to a 3D shape. We will talk about:

- How to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce existing fabrics
- How to securely join 2 pieces of fabric together
- The need for patterns and seam allowances
- The technical vocabulary relevant to the project

Geography

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

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

PSHE

Our topics are Being Responsible and Drug Education.

French

Our topic is Ma Famille (My Family) and the children will learn to talk about members of their family in French.