

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4 - Spring 1

Reading

We are going to begin the half term focusing on the skills of define and infer. Later in the half term, our texts will link to our writing to inform unit and we be using our comparing and summarising skills.

Writing

We are starting with writing a traditional tale in the style of the Arabian Nights. This will be followed with writing a voice-over to inform.

Maths

We will be continuing our work on Multiplication (6x, 7x, 9x, 11x & 12x tables). This will be followed by Length and Perimeter, Fractions and Decimals.

Science

Our topic is The Particle Model and how states can change. Our focus is exploring the differences between solids, liquids and gases, and how these states can be altered.

DT

We will be exploring movement in mechanisms, looking at pulleys, linkages and cams. We will be our knowledge to create a short video.

Computing

We will be learning about how to collect and analyse data collected during science lessons.

History

We will be comparing the Ancient Maya civilisation to Ancient Greece and Ancient Egypt (taught in Year 3)

Spanish

We will be learning about how to talk about 'more than one' and learning a poem written in Spanish.

Music

We will listen to and appreciate music, sing collectively and perform improvisations and compositions using a variety of instruments.

PE

Swimming - We are developing our abilities in the water, building up to swimming 25m independently.

PSHE

Keeping Safe - our focus is on Keeping Safe and how we can be responsible for our own health and safety.

RE

We will be exploring the question, 'How do people think about poverty, justice and self-sacrifice?'

Other Information

Swimming Information:

- Tuesday PM - Owl and Falcon class will swim at East Manchester
- Wednesday PM - Kestrel will swim at East Manchester

Please note: Year 4 will arrive back at school at around 3:45pm on their swimming day

Homework

Each week your child will be expected to complete a range of different homework tasks to help support their learning in school. All homework will be found on our school website under the Year 4 page. Log ins have all been written in the children's reading records

MyOn	Children will have a weekly 'project' set for them. This will be found in the 'projects tab on the MyOn website. The child who reads for the most minutes will be given a certificate on Friday.
Conquer	Children will have an assignment set on the 'tasks' tab of Conquer Maths. The assignment will link to the current learning in their Maths lessons in school.
Spelling Shed	Each week, the children will be given a new set of spellings to learn. The website will automatically assign the children the spellings that we are learning in class. Children are to play games on the 'assignment' section of Spelling Shed for 20 minutes a week. They will have a weekly spelling test using these words.
Times Tables Rockstars	Children have weekly battles set vs the other Year 4 classes. They are to play for 20 mins a week. This will help them in preparation for the times tables check in the summer term.
Reading	Reading at home with an adult is encouraged. If the children read an Accelerated Reading book at home, they can bring it into school and take an Accelerated Reading Quiz in Morning Challenge the following day.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Year 4 Team on Dojo!