



Year 4 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back to school after the Christmas break. We hope you had an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas with your families and loved ones. We would like to thank you and your children for our lovely presents and hope that you have a very Happy New Year.

Values

This half term, our value is **WISDOM**. After half term our value will be **HOPE**.

As part of our termly Love Project we have decided to once again support the charity Loveworks. This is a local charity which helps those in need of food and can offer assistance with paying utility bills. Starting in January, we will be running our 'Tin a Week' project again. As the name suggests, we are asking that each family bring a tin of food into school each week. Our aim is to collect at least 500 items by half term. To find out more about Loveworks please follow the link <http://www.loveworks.org.uk/>

The items needed are listed below in priority order:

UHT semi skimmed milk, shampoo, toilet rolls, tins of meat casserole, tinned corn beef, ham etc, long life fruit juice, tinned fruit, porridge oats, soup, tuna, pasta sauce, jam, rice, tinned potatoes/smash, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, breakfast cereals, tinned custard/rice pudding, deodorant/anti perspirant.

English & Maths

These core subjects continue to be a major focus in school. We will be teaching English writing and grammar daily through carefully chosen quality texts, including 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and 'Jabberwocky'. Daily Guided Reading sessions will focus on Year 4 reading targets and there will be a weekly spelling focus and test, and handwriting sessions.

Please note, it will greatly aid your child if they have their own copy of 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis. Amazon are currently selling copies for £4.00 or you may like to try one of the local libraries.

In Maths the children will start with a module on Multiplication and Division. They will be introduced to factor pairs and will embed and develop their understanding of multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. The children then bring together the skills learnt so far in this block to explore calculations related to known facts. We will also be using a variety of informal written methods to multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. We will then move onto to learning about Length and Perimetre measuring in kilometres and metres. The children will be able to measure the perimeter of a rectangle and rectilinear shapes including finding missing lengths in rectilinear shapes.

Please ensure...

Your child brings their reading book and reading record to school on a daily basis and that their PE kit is in school every Tuesday. Whilst the weather is cold, your child should have a coat in school and they may wear tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE sessions.

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Our topics for the term are 'What do the miracles of Jesus teach?' and 'What do the monastic traditions within Christianity, show us about living in community?' We shall also be learning about what happens in churches at Easter.

Science, Computing and Design Technology

Our Science topic this term is *Living Things*, after half term we will be teaching *Animals including Humans*, with a particular emphasis on digestion. In computing the children will be learning how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. They will be able to recognise acceptable and unacceptable behavior whilst being able to identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact. In DT the children will be learning how to make a savory dish so that they are able to feed themselves and others a healthy diet.

Expressive Arts

Our Art lessons this term will focus on drawing and sculpture and exploring the work of artist *Frida Kahlo*. The children will develop their skills in self-portrait and portrait drawings. After half term they will create a sculpture based on their portrait or self-portrait drawings. In our weekly music lessons we shall be learning the songs 'Stop!' and 'Lean on Me'. Our topics for French will be shapes, prepositions of place, parts of the face and adjectives, parts of the body and the French artist - *Matisse*.

Wellbeing

We will be teaching quicksticks and dodgeball in the first half term, then basketball and netball in the second half term. Please remember that your child should have their full PE kit in school every Tuesday during term time. PSHE sessions will focus on the topics of 'Rights and responsibilities' and 'Families and other relationships'. As part of anti-bullying we will be looking at the issues of keeping ourselves safe and what makes a good friend. We continue to teach Philosophy for Children to support critical and deeper thinking skills. For the children's outdoor learning focus they will be painting our Bug Hotel and will help to create its new layers.

Dates for your Diary

PTFA Evening Event - 27.01.23
PTFA Pre loved Uniform Sale - 13.01.23
PTFA School Disco - 09.02.23
End of half term - 10.02.23
Half Term - 13.02.23 to 17.02.23
Return to school - 20.02.23
Year 4 Class collective worship - 22.03.23
St Patrick's Day - 17.03.23
Parents and Careers Evenings - 27.02.23 to 29.03.23
Break up for Easter Holidays - 31.03.23
Return to School for Summer Term - 17.04.23

History

This half term the children will be learning about *Ancient Egypt*. They will use maps and timelines to identify where and when the earliest civilisations appeared. The children will create some Egyptian-style jewellery and recreate some Egyptian hieroglyphs. They will also learn why and how the great pyramids were built and will create a model of the Great Pyramid at Giza.

Geography

After half term the children will be studying 'Weather'. They will learn that the weather is made up of seven elements and will use different techniques for measuring elements of weather. The children will be able to use spreadsheets to record data. The children will analyse the data to make predictions based on previous experience.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent home on Friday and should be handed back in by the following Wednesday. It will consist of an English, a Maths task and daily reading.

And finally if you have any quick questions or concerns please feel free to catch me in the playground at the end of the day. If you would like to speak to me more privately, please let me know or contact the school office to arrange an appointment. Please do keep an eye on the school website which lists all the key dates for the Spring term.

Mrs Rutter and Mrs Nadeen