

Year 4 Summer Term (1) 2021 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back.

Topic – History

In our topic lessons this term we will continue our work on the Victorians. We will look at maps to see the growth of Ben Rhydding in, and just after, the Victorian age. We then study Sir Titus Salts and the industrial revolution.

English

This term we will be working from 'Max and the Millions'. We will be using the text to help develop our comprehension skills. Within the text we will look at the sentence structure and use of paragraphs. We will then use the story as a model to practice these features in our own stories.

Maths

This half term we will start by learning about Decimal Fractions and then move on to Money.

Science

Our main topic will be grouping living things, but before we embark on that topic we will conduct some investigations from the Changing States work done during Remote Learning.

Grouping Living Things – children will be introduced to classification keys. They will find out why scientists need to use classification keys. We will look at different ways of grouping living things and build up our knowledge about making and using classification keys. We will then start by classifying and identifying familiar items. We will collect data about living things in different areas of the school grounds or local area. We will then present the information in a series of classification keys as a guide to the living things around them. They will have looked at different classification keys and decided which ones are most effective and explained why.

PE

In PE we will be doing invasion games and will be on **Monday** this term. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in School Uniform PE kit on these days.

French

This half term's French will be based around the 'le calendrier de 2021'. We will learn days of the week, months, birthdays and seasons. In the latter half of the term, we meet some French verbs in the infinitive form and in the 'third person singular' forms. This is a gentle introduction to verb conjugation which will be built open gradually in subsequent years.

Homework

We will be using Google classroom for homework this half term. The children need to spend half an hour on the work, although they can continue longer and extend the work if they are enjoying it.

We would recommend that you read with your child as often as possible, at least 3 times a week.

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

It is also important that the children practice their Times Tables so that they know them and can give the answer in 5 seconds. (By the end of Year 4 the children need to know all the tables up to 12 x 12) Using Rock Star Tables, speed writing out of the table and chanting tables are useful ways to practice.

Spellings are better practiced in short frequent sessions. 10 minutes sessions 3 or 4 times a week works better than a long session.

Reading book exchange will happen weekly and I will inform you on which days once we have finalised the rota. I have given each child their login for Google Classrooms and will be putting work on it to do at home.

Dates for your diary

PE – Every Monday

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest regards
Year 4
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