

## Year 4 Spring 1 Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

The last half term has again been very successful. The children have worked really hard and have settled into the Year 4 expectations. Our book curriculum which focused on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was a huge success and I am sure you will agree that all the children really enjoyed the book. Due to this excitement of the book, the children have produced some brilliant work especially in their narrative writing where they created a new character that found the golden ticket. One particular highlight of the half term was our chocolate workshop. All the children had the opportunity to understand the process of how chocolate was made and even made their very own chocolate. It was a fantastic day and was great to see the children having so much fun in their learning!

As we move into Spring 1, we will continue to deliver a creative book curriculum. The learning this half term will be based around the short story 'Elf Road' by Pie Corbett and the book 'Rickshaw Girl' by the author Mitali Perkins. Overleaf, you will see how the subjects are linked into the theme your child will be experiencing and the links that have been made. There are also suggestions as to how to help your child at home, as this is all part of working together.

### Reminders:

- As always, good attendance and punctuality is essential to maintain good progress.
- PE lessons are on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has a suitable kit that is brought in at the start of the week ready for the lesson. This should include a **warm** sports jumper for outdoors. PE kits **should not** be worn underneath school uniforms.
- Library sessions are every week on a **Thursday** morning so please ensure your child is ready to return their library book on this day.
- Please make sure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled so that if items get lost they can be easily returned.
- Please ensure you read with your child's accelerated reader book every night and sign it in their reading record. Every child that reads every night will receive a raffle ticket that will give them a chance to win prizes.

### Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – WOW day

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to know more information about this term's learning and how to support your child please feel free to speak to us at the end of the day, where we are more than happy to help.

We look forward to working with you and thank you very much for your continued support.

Miss H Steward

Year 4 Team Leader

## English

- Learn a model portal story before changing it to create their own
- Research and write a fact file about a British town
- Further develop their understanding of grammar, spelling and punctuation

### How to help your child at home:

- Read regularly with your child, asking questions about the text.
- Practise reading and spelling words on the Year 3/4 Spelling list.

## Maths

- Fractions – writing, representing and solving problems involving them
- Decimals – writing, representing and solving problems involving them
- Multiplication and division facts and formal methods
- Recap column methods for addition and subtraction

### How to help your child at home:

- Help your child learn their times tables and allow them to access TT Rockstars at home
- Develop their confidence in using column methods of addition, subtraction and multiplication.

## Science

The children will be learning about Animals, including humans. They will learn to:

- Describe the digestive system and the functions of the basic parts of it
- Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their functions.
- Create food chains and identify the producers, predators and prey

## Computing

The children work together to design a simple toy that incorporates sensors and outputs and then create an on-screen prototype of their toy in Scratch.

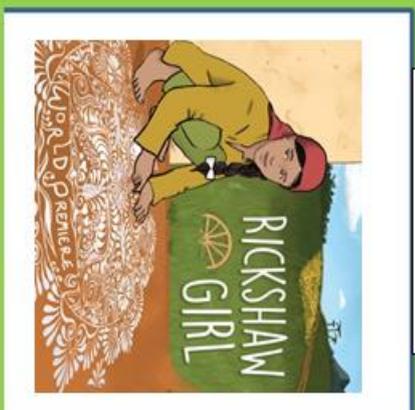
## Geography

The children will be learning about and using locational knowledge to identify human and physical features of U.K. counties, cities and towns.

## Art&DI

As part of the book curriculum, the children will be researching, designing and creating alpina patterns. They will do this using different mediums and decide which medium is best.

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Rickshaw Girl

## PSHE/Circle Time

Your child will discuss the importance of growth mind-set, looking at how they can be positive in their learning. They will also discuss and learn about British values.

## RE

This term the children will be learning about what religion teaches them about the natural world. They will learn about different religions and how they care for the natural world.

**PE** - Your child will learn how to improve their running, jumping, throwing and catching skills in isolation and in combinations through the use of outdoor adventurous activities, netball and street dance. They will play competitive games and apply the new skills.

## Music

The children will be exploring a variety of songs. They will be learning about rhythm, pitch and the use of strings instruments.