

Year 4 Summer 1 Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

The last half term has again been very successful. The children have worked really hard across the curriculum and produced some work to be proud of! One particular highlight of the half term was our debates about whether the character Bertie from our book "Butterfly Lion" should go to war or not. It developed some interesting and thought-provoking ideas the children had and helped to develop their curiosity and understanding about World War I. Across each classroom there were several passionate debates, which the children really enjoyed participating in. To end our exciting unit, we invited a visitor from a zoo to bring in several different African animals that the children not only learnt about but were also allowed to touch. This was a fascinating day that the children could not stop talking about!

As we move into Summer 1, we will continue to deliver a creative book curriculum. The learning this half term will be based around the book "The Iron Man" by Ted Hughes. 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.

We will continue to give out homework on a Friday, which should be returned for the following Wednesday. We'll be giving out creative homework activities, as well as additional grammar and reading comprehension homework activities. These are really important aspects of learning in Year 4 so please encourage the children to complete it every week to the best of their ability. In addition to this, the children should be reading their accelerated reading books every night as this has proved to be successful in the progress of your child's reading. If your child reads every night and records it in their reading record, they will be entered in a raffle, which gives them the chance to win a whole set of books! Furthermore, encouraging your child to use TT Rockstars as much as possible will help to improve their times table recall speed which will be tested nationally in June.

Reminders:

- As always, good attendance and punctuality is essential to maintain good progress.
- PE lessons are on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has a suitable kit that is brought in at the start of the week ready for the lessons.
- Library sessions are every week on a Tuesday or Friday lunchtime so please ensure your child is ready to return their library book on one of these days.

Dates for Your Diary

- Anglo Saxon Days – visitor to school (commencing from 13th May)

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 text letter before changing it to create their own
- Explore newspaper reports and their features and create their own newspaper report based on the model text
- Further develop their understanding of grammar, spelling and punctuation

How to help your child at home:

- Read every day with your child, asking questions about the text.
- Help your child with their grammar and reading comprehension homework.

Maths

- Adding and subtracting using column method
- One and two-step word problems
- Problems involving perimeter, time, coordinates and statistics
- Problem solving using the four operations
- Revision of fractions, rounding and decimal knowledge

How to help your child at home:

- Help your child learn their times tables using TT Rockstars

Science

The children will learn all about Electricity. They will learn to:

- Create their own circuits using equipment
- Identify the dangers of electricity
- Explore conductors and insulators

How to help your child at home:

- Develop their understanding of electricity in everyday life

Computing

The children will be writing for different audiences. They will learn how technology can be used to organise, develop and explore ideas.

History

The children will be exploring the Anglo Saxons. They will understand how they lived their lives and develop an understanding of the places they conquered.

Art & DT

Your child will explore in detail the DT topic Electrical Movement. They will understand and use electrical systems in a product which they create themselves.

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The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

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 values, including British values and focusing in particular on the value of Resilience.

RE

Children will explore the topic - 'Religious Festivals and their deeper meanings'. They will explore religious and non-religious festivals celebrated, why they are celebrated and what these festivals mean to those who celebrate them.

PE

Your child will explore and develop a variety of skills in isolation and in combination through having the opportunity to participate in Cricket, Rounders and Athletics. 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 percussion instruments