

Year 4 Spring 2 Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

The last half term has been very exciting! The children have again worked really hard in all areas of the curriculum. Our book curriculum, which focused on Rickshaw Girl, was a huge success and I am sure you will agree that all the children really enjoyed the learning surrounding the book. Due to this excitement of the book, the children have produced some brilliant work especially in their art work where they created their own alpana patterns and decorated them using different mediums. One particular highlight of the half term was our Bollywood Dance workshop. All the children had the opportunity to take part in learning some Bollywood Dance moves which ended in them performing their dance routines to the year 2s and Mrs Champion! It was a fantastic day and was great to see the children dressed for the part and having so much fun in their learning!

As we move into Spring 2, we will continue to deliver a creative book curriculum. The learning this half term will be based around the book *The Butterfly Lion* by the author Michael Morpurgo. 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.
- There is going to be a big push on reading this half term. The children's reading records will be checked every week so please ensure that you read with them every night as this is an essential part of their learning.

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Monday 11th – Friday 15th March – Science Week

Wednesday 20th March – Mini Mudder fundraiser

Tuesday 3rd April – Animal Experience Workshop

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

- Explore different types of letters
- Learn a model text letter before changing it to create their own
- Explore diary entries and their features and create their own diary entry
- 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

- Multiply and divide by 10/100 and their multiples
- Problem solving using the four operations, using the inverse to check
- Multiplying 3 numbers
- Estimating and checking
- Adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator
- Money including fractions of money and understanding change

How to help your child at home:

- Help your child learn their times tables using TT Rockstars

Science

The children will be learning about Living Things and Habitats. They will learn to:

- Sort living things into a variety of categories
- Identify dangers to wildlife in the local area and wider world
- Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things

How to help your child at home:

- Research living things and their habitats and discuss how they differ and why

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.

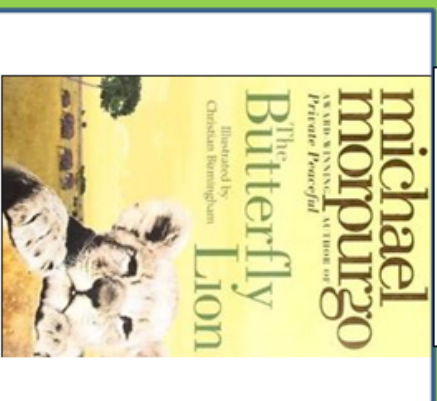
Geography

The children will be learning about Mountains. They will understand what a mountain is, the different aspects of them and explore different mountains across the world.

Art&DI

As part of the book curriculum, the children will be creating Savannah pictures. They will be focusing on the skills of sketching, painting and printing.

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The Butterfly Lion

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 Friendship.

RE

This term the children will be further developing their understanding 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 football, 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 percussion instruments.