

YEAR 4 SPRING 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2024

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"Happy together in God's family,
we love, grow and learn."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school after the Christmas break. I hope you had a relaxing holiday and enjoyed yourselves. On behalf of the Year 4 staff, we would like to say a big thank you for all the cards, well wishes and generous gifts received for Christmas, we are very grateful!

In English this half term, we will study a book which has cross-curricular links to our geography topic – rainforests. The children will embed the use of fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and dialogue within in their writing with a focus on editing and evaluating individual pieces. We will also reinforce some of these skills through cross curricular contexts such as a an RE leaflet about the Mass and a balanced argument in geography about deforestation.

We will continue to begin each lesson with a grammar starter, recapping Year 4 objectives as well as previous year group objectives to revise and embed the concepts as much as possible.

Throughout the half term, we will continue to read for pleasure using a book of the children's choice. As mentioned previously, please listen to your child read as much as possible and ask them questions to deepen their understanding in order to support them in developing their reading and writing skills.

In maths this half term, we will be looking at multiplication and division including factors / factor pairs; multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000; column method for multiplication and a variety of strategies for division. Every maths lesson will include fluency, reasoning and problem-solving elements and there will be plenty of opportunity to apply what we have learnt in real life scenarios. Every Monday, the maths lesson will be focused on arithmetic skills, mental maths and times tables. As we draw closer to the year 4 multiplication check, we will be placing even more focusing on times tables, ensuring the children have regular opportunities to practise each week. Please make sure they are practising regularly at home on Times Tables Rockstars.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please refer to our knowledge organisers.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,
Mrs Harrison and Mrs Robertshaw



Important Days

Monday:

Reading books changed
Spelling test
Mental maths mini test (bi-weekly)

Tuesday

PE lessons (come in PE kit)

Important Dates

24/1/24 – Y4 open
classroom @ 9

25/1/24 – Open the Book
assembly

9/2/24 – School closes

18/2/24 – Family Mass @
11am

