

# YEAR 4 SPRING 1

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to school after a well deserved break! We would just like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your generous gifts and kind wishes before Christmas. This half term we welcome Miss Martin, our student teacher, who will be working with us for the next few months.

Again we are looking forward to a very busy term! To support our English work and to celebrate Roald Dahl's 100th Birthday, we are taking the children to the West Yorkshire Playhouse to watch *The Witches* on 18th January.



We also begin preparations for a skipping competition which will take place at the end of March, more details to follow closer to the time. In preparation for the competition the children have taken part in a special skipping workshop from The Skipping School.

This half-termly newsletter aims to inform you of the Year 4 curriculum for the forthcoming half term and any important routines and dates. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs Harrison and Mrs Leonard.



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

### Important Days

#### Monday:

Hand in homework.

Reading books changed.

PE kit required.

#### Tuesday

Swimming kit required

#### Wednesday:

Reading books changed.

#### Friday:

Reading books changed

Spelling test - book required

Homework given.

### Year 4 Topics

- **RE—'Jesus the Teacher'** . In this topic the children will learn that Jesus was a teacher who came to show us how to live. They will explore Jesus' early life and learn about his presentation in the Temple. The children will know that Jesus used parables in his teaching and reflect on the meaning of the Parable of the Sower and Unforgiving Servant.
- **English—Poetry; Personification, similes, metaphors, free verse & Haikus. *The Witches and Imaginary Worlds; character profiles, theatre reviews, recipes and diary entries.***
- **Maths— Fractions; equivalence of fractions, comparing fractions, adding and subtracting fractions. Time; read, write and compare between analogue and digital, 12 h and 24 hour clocks.**
- **Science—States of matter; develop an understanding of all areas of states of matter, including how materials can change from one state to another, through a large range of simple practical enquiries**
- **Geography—Cities and Rivers; Where do we live? What is a city? Why do cities grow? What river flows through Leeds? How is Leeds similar / different to New York and Liverpool?**
- **DT—Structures; look at construction of musical instruments, how different sounds can be created & altered to make different notes. Design and make a working musical instrument using a combination of materials.**
- **Spanish—Children will be learning how to ask and answer questions about their family members.**

## Important Dates

- Wed 18th Jan—Y4 trip to West Yorkshire Playhouse to see *The Witches*.
- Thurs 26h Jan— Y4 Class Assembly
- Fri 10th Feb - Y2 & Y4 Class Mass . 11am in School Hall
- Fri 10th Feb— End of Half term . School closes.

# Homework

**Reading:** Year 4 children are expected to read for 20 mins per night. Books are changed with Mrs Meachin on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and will be sent home on these days. Please ensure that your child has written in his/her reading journal and recorded which pages have been read each night or if any other books have been read. If you listen to your child read, please feel free to add your initials and any comment.



**Spellings:** Children will be given a set of spellings (up to 8 words) each Monday to be brought home and practiced. Children should copy the spellings into their spelling book and then write each word in a sentence. We will be using the spellings in many different ways throughout the week to aid learning. The children will be tested each Friday. Please return their spelling book on Friday.

**Written Homework:** This will be given out on a Friday to be returned on Monday. This task should take about 20 minutes and is completed in a homework book. There will be a balance of Literacy, Numeracy and topic work throughout the year.

## Parental Assistance

Please can you :

- \*Support your child with their homework.
- \*Read together as a family.
- \*Ensure your child knows their times tables well.
- \* Ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day.



## Home Access

Remember to log onto Bug Club for extra reading and writing activities.



For Maths fun, use Mathletics and the White Rose Maths Hub.



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For School meal choices please click on the link below

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