

❖ Year 4 Newsletter ❖

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MENTAL MATHS

We are seeing a big improvement in confidence with number bonds to 20,

e.g.: $8+7$, $9+8$, $13-6$, $16-9$ etc

A little practice every day makes a big difference.

For those who wish to take the next step try mental addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers.

Making sure you take some time each week to go on **Mathletics** will also help to sharpen those Maths skills.

READING

We have seen an improvement in reading at home recently. Please keep it up!

Some children in Year 4 are not reading enough. Reading every day develops reading skills, and improves spelling and writing. Practise every day to become a good reader. Reading records are monitored every week and children reading frequently win rewards for their groups.

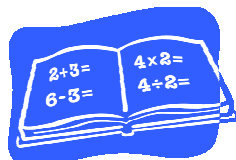


Winter ends, Spring begins.

We have a very busy half-term ahead with lots of interesting new topics. Our Science topic this term is Habitats and Classification in which we will be learning about lots of different animals and places they live.

In Literacy, we will be reading "The Spiderwick Chronicles," learning to write descriptions and use connectives in more complex sentences. Then we'll write our own stories about imaginary worlds.

In Numeracy, we will be continuing our work on decimals and problem-solving as well as additional work on written subtraction methods and shape.



DIARY DATES

World Book Day—6th March—come to school dressed as a character from a favourite book.

Sponsored Jigsaws—18th March

The First Kids In Space—25th March—Egremont Market Hall

Please could you help us with the following:

- with our spellings that we get each week
- practising mental addition and subtraction
- with our multiplication tables - we should be learning them thoroughly
- making sure we read daily
- completing our homework each week



Thank you for your help

In music we will be exploring moods and ideas that music creates and in ICT we will be experimenting with drawing software.



In French we will be continuing to learn how to tell the time as well as revising months of the year and learning how to say when our birthdays are.

In RE we are learning about the Easter Story.

PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday and swimming will continue this term on Fridays.

In PE we will be playing football and continuing swimming.

