

# ❖ Year 4 Newsletter ❖

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## MENTAL MATHS

Some children in Year 4 are still struggling with basic additions and subtractions. By now they should all know their number bonds to 20, so they should all easily be able to do: e.g.:

8+7, 9+8, 13-6,

16-9 etc

The Christmas homework really helped and there was a noticeable improvement in many pupils, but while we do practice this in school there may not be enough time to make everyone confident in this. For those who wish to take the next step try mental addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers.

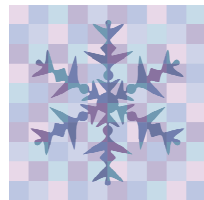
## READING

Some children in Year 4 are not reading enough. Reading every day is crucial to develop reading skills.

Good readers are also much better at spelling and writing. The only way to be a good reader is to practise every day. Reading records are monitored every week and children reading frequently win rewards for their groups.

## Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. We have a very busy half-term ahead with lots of interesting new topics. Our topic this term is Weather and this will link to our Science topic, Keeping Warm. In Literacy, we will be looking at explanation texts and



different types of poetry.

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

Our focus for RE this term is Judaism and in PE we will be playing hockey and continuing swimming.

In our art lessons we will be using weather as our inspiration and creating images using different colours, textures and media.



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 melodies and scales and in ICT we will be creating weather presentations.



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

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



Swimming lessons will begin again on Friday 10th January.