

Year 4 Newsletter

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Please ensure your child brings a pencil with you to school every day. We don't like to waste time looking for and borrowing pencils in class.



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 Monday and children reading frequently win rewards for their groups.

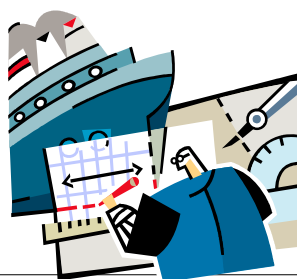
Happy New Year!

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. In Science, we will be investigating habitats. In Literacy, we will be looking at persuasive texts like adverts 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 continue to develop our skills in gymnastics and dance.

We will be doing a lot of work on the Titanic next term as part of our unsinkable ship topic. Year 4 will be starting to think about the Titanic this term and we will be researching its route and key events leading up to its launch.



Please could you help us with the following:

- * with our spellings that we get each week
- * with our multiplication tables - we should be learning them thoroughly
- * with mental maths problems
- * completing our homework each week

Thank you for your help

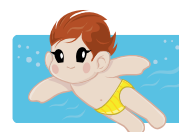


In music we will be exploring melodies and scales and in ICT and art we will be working on tessellating shape patterns.



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. Well done to those children who were awarded certificates last term.



Swimming lessons will begin again on Friday 13th January.