

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. This term reading records will be collected every Friday and children reading frequently will 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 solids, liquids and gases. In Literacy, we will be looking at stories from imagined worlds (like The Iron Man) 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.

Our Geography topic is Weather around the World. We will be looking at the differing climates around the world and thinking about holiday destinations. We will be looking at the different places we have been on holiday. Can you bring in a photo of your child in a holiday destination for our display.



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



Our Wider Opportunities programme will continue this term. We have been enjoying learning how to play different notes and chords on our ukuleles. We've also enjoyed watching famous ukulele players like George Formby.



In art we will be thinking about journeys and looking at representations of journeys by Aboriginal artists. We will be creating our own interpretation of a familiar journey.

PE days are now Wednesday and Thursday and swimming will continue this term on Fridays. Well done to those children who were awarded certificates last term.

This half term holiday is Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February.