

Year 4 Newsletter – Spring 2023

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope everyone has had a lovely, restful time over the Christmas holidays. Please find below an overview of the topics that we will be learning about over the next few weeks and some important notices for this term. We have got some more fantastic topics coming up and there will be plenty of opportunities to build on all of the great knowledge and skills we have learned in Year 4 so far.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact Mrs GB via phone/email, or write a note in your child's reading record.

Best wishes, Miss Winfield

Our Learning in Year 4

English

Our English work will firstly be based on the book 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. Then, we will explore stories from other cultures, including Mayan myths.

Maths

We will be continuing our learning on multiplication and division, before moving on to explore measurement and geometry. Throughout this term, we will be focusing on securing all of our times tables so any extra practise at home will be helpful.

Science

In Science, we will be investigating living things and their habitats.

History

Our main topic this term is Ancient Maya. This will link to our work in Geography and DT as we explore the Maya civilisation and the impacts on our lives today.

Art

In Art, we will focus on creating portraits to represent different emotions and feelings.

DT

Using our knowledge of Maya civilisation, we will plan, design and create our own strong and sturdy Mayan temples.

Music

In Music we will be creating and performing raps and songs about anti-bullying.

Spanish

We will recap our Spanish numbers, colours and weathers, before moving onto learning how to describe different families.

PSHE

Our next Jigsaw topic is 'Dreams and Goals'.

RE

In RE, we will continue to learn about what it means to be Hindu in Britain today.

Computing

In Computing, we will be learning how to use a text-based programming language to create repetition in shapes.

PE

Children will need PE kits on **Mondays** please. For PE lessons, children should have a full kit to change into with suitable outdoor clothing and trainers. Long hair should be tied back and earrings should be removed where possible.

Forest School

On Wednesday mornings, the children will participate in Forest School sessions outside. Please ensure that your child brings the appropriate kit, including warm clothes, boots/wellies and long trousers.

Snacks

If you wish to provide your child with a snack for playtime, please make sure this is healthy – i.e. no chocolate bars or crisps. Please remember we are a nut free school too!

Homework

On **Fridays**, I will continue to set a Spellings homework task and a Maths homework task. These will need to be completed in children's green homework books that they will take home and return to school on the following **Tuesday**.

Reading Books

The children will have the opportunity to read daily at school, either independently or with an adult. In Year 4, we will be promoting independence and organisation, and will expect the children to take home and return reading books and reading records to school every day. For 'free readers', these books can either be appropriate books from home, or chosen from our class reading corner.

World Class Schools

This term, we will be continuing our work towards the World Class Schools Award. The children are now familiar with the online portal and can add their own photos/drawings to the relevant areas. A group of students from Fulford Sixth Form have been supporting the class on Wednesday afternoons to help complete their online portfolios, however, any additional opportunity for the children to add to this at home would be much appreciated! Thank you.