



# Year 4 Newsletter

## Summer Term

Welcome back everyone, I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break and haven't had too much chocolate! Its finally starting to feel more like Spring and the weather seems to be improving all the time. Please make sure to keep up to date with our learning through our class page on the school website, where regular blog updates and photos will be added.

Children will continue to use spelling shed and times table Rockstars. Please allow your child time at home to regularly access time tables Rockstars and spelling shed as there will be an informal weekly spelling test on a Thursday. Children will be learning Year 4 spelling rules and will be practising this weekly in school. Please also encourage your child to read regularly, ideally 4 times a week.

\*\*\*The Year 4 Multiplication check will be coming up in June from 1st-12th where your children will be answering 25 questions on their times table knowledge. Please continue to encourage your child to practice as much as possible at home in readiness for this check\*\*\*

This newsletter is filled with lots of key information about year 4 for our Summer term, including key dates, PE days and gives you information about what we are going to be learning about this half term, so please read it carefully. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and speak with me. Thank you Miss Jewell and the Year 4 team

### Key Dates

Friday 1st May – House team celebration day

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday school closed

W/C Monday 11th May - SATS week and Mental Health Awareness week

Friday 15th May – Parent assembly (Mental Health week)

W/C Monday 18th May – Sports week

Tuesday 19th May– Whole school Sports Day

### Reading

Children's reading and comprehension skills will continue to be built upon through reading both set texts during English and Guided Reading sessions and during our Reading for Pleasure time. Please encourage your child to read at home 4 times a week and record their reading in their planners. Planners will be checked on Fridays.

### PE Reminders

PE sessions will be Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings this term. Please ensure children have both indoor and outdoor kits for all sessions and pumps or trainers A gentle reminder that earrings and other jewellery, including watches must be removed for PE sessions.

### Keep up to date....

We will share some of our activities and work on school spider. Please keep an eye on our webpage too, for subject related blogs

## ENGLISH

In English we are starting with our No Outsiders text 'Red: A crayons story', a story that highlights the importance of self-acceptance.

We will then move onto 'The Crown' by Emily Kapff. We will be writing a diary entry, descriptive poems and creating an information text.



## MATHS

In Math's, we will be continuing our work on decimals and starting money and time.

Children will be accessing TTRS daily to prepare for the Multiplication check in June.



## SCIENCE

In Science we will be exploring a unit on Electricity.

Children will be using their scientific skills and enquiry knowledge to create simple circuits, identify and use switches and recognise some common conductors and insulators.



# Our Curriculum Overview

## COMPUTING

In Computing we are going to be exploring the units of Hardware investigators and making music.



## GEOGRAPHY

In Geography we are going to be exploring the enquiry question 'Why are jungles so wet and deserts so dry?'



## DT

In DT we are going to be investigating, designing and sewing fabric pencil cases.



## PSHE

During PSHE this half term we will be exploring the topic of 'Growing and Changing'



# Home Learning

## English & Maths

Children are expected to read 4 times per week and reading planners will be checked each Friday.

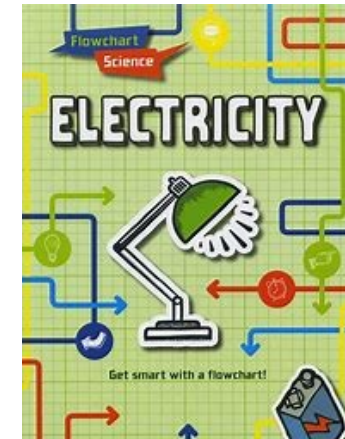
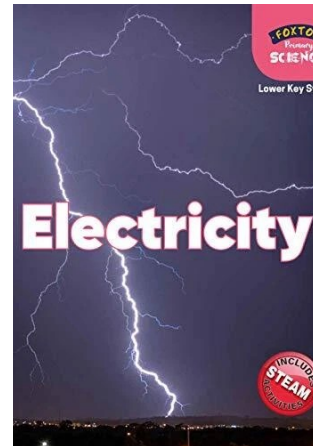
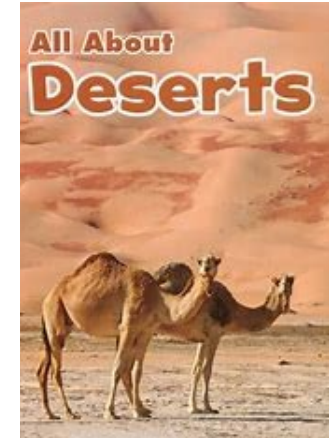
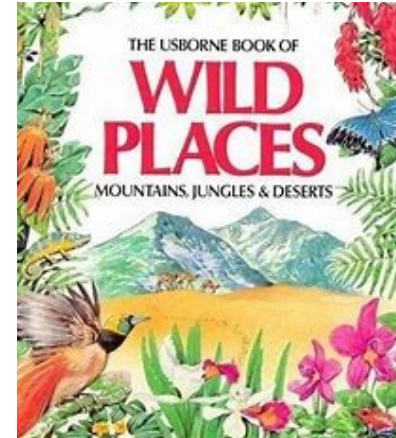
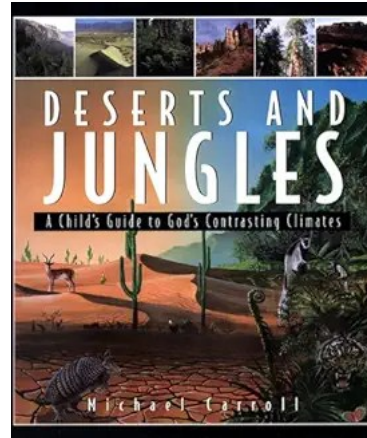
Please also continue to practise times tables regularly. Timetable Rockstars is a great tool for supporting this.



## Spelling

We will be looking at a specific spelling rule each week during class sessions. Children will take part in a weekly spelling test on a Thursday to consolidate their learning and new spellings will be set on spelling shed for the following week. Spelling Shed is a great tool which can be used to support the learning of spellings at home.

To further support independent reading for pleasure, take a look at the suggestions below that are linked to specific topics and authors we are focusing on this half term:



## Online Resources:

Times table rockstars - <https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Spelling Shed - <https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login/school>

Purple Mash - <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/james-b15#/portal/james-b15/child>