



Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 1

Welcome back everyone, I hope you have had a fantastic summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the start of the new academic year. We are really looking forward to working with you in Year 4 and for all the exciting and fun things we will be doing together!

Children will continue to use spelling shed and times table rockstars. The login details for all of these will be in your child's planner. Please allow your child time at home to regularly access time tables rockstars and spelling shed. Children will be learning Year 4 spelling rules and will be practising this weekly in school. Please also encourage your child to read regularly and record it in their planners.

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

Miss Jewell

Key Dates

3rd September -School reopens
14th September –Parent Welcome Meetings
25th September –European Day of Languages
2nd October –Poetry Slam Competition
w/b 5th October –Black History Focus Week
16th October –Harvest Donations
21st October –Harvest Assembly
23rd October –School closes
3rd November –School reopens
18th December –School Closes

Reading

Children's reading and comprehension skill will continue to be built upon through reading both set texts during English and Guided Reading sessions and during our Reading for Pleasure time.

Reading books will be changed weekly on a Friday. Please encourage your child to read at home regularly throughout the week and record their reading in their planners. Planners will also be checked on Friday.

PE Reminders

PE sessions will be Thursday mornings swimming and Friday afternoons this half term. A gentle reminder that earrings and other jewellery, including watches must be removed for PE sessions

Keep up to date....

News and photographs will be shared on School Spider through a Group Conversation. Please look out for a notification of these updates.

ENGLISH

In English we will be using a range of texts to develop the children's oracy and storytelling this half-term, including our whole school text 'Mixed' by Arree Chung and the poem anthology 'Midnight Feasts' by A.F.Harrold. Lessons will also cover specific areas of SPaG each week.

MATHS

In Maths, we will be focusing on Place Value , Addition and Subtraction , Length and Perimeter, Statistics , Addition and subtraction .

SCIENCE

In Science we are going to be learning about the human digestive system, teeth of humans and animals, food chains and animal habitats and sound. We will use a scientific enquiry approach and a range of skills including: researching, observing, investigating and interpreting.

Our Curriculum Overview

COMPUTING

In Computing we are going to be looking at coding using the Purple Mash software, 2code. We will also be exploring online safety and programming using LOGO.

HISTORY

In History we are going to be answering the questions 'How did the arrival of the Romans change Britain?' and 'Who were the Anglo-Saxons?'

ART

In Art we are going to be focusing on storytelling through drawing and still life. We will be using the work of other artists as a stimulus to create our own art work.

PSHE

Our topic for PSHE this half term is 'Keeping Safe'. We will be focusing on identifying, understanding and managing risk.

Home Learning

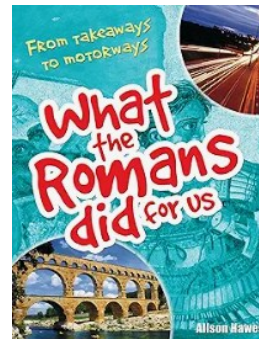
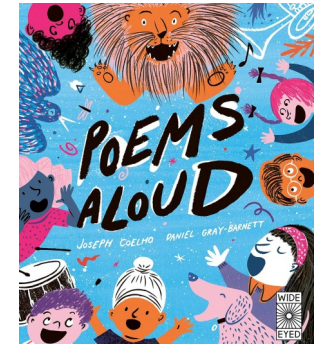
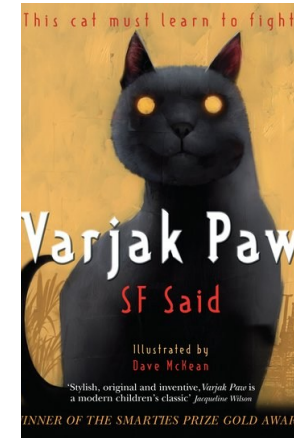
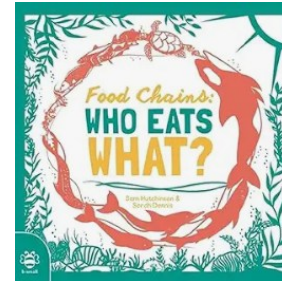
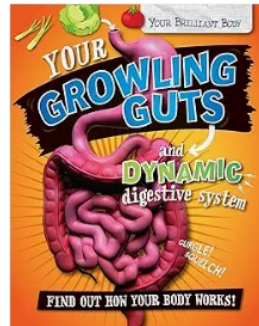
English & Maths

Children are expected to read 4 times per week and reading planners will be checked each Friday for evidence of an adult signature of the four reads. Please also continue to practise timetables regularly. Timetables 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 consolidate their learning and new spellings will be set on spelling shed on a Friday 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.ttrockstars.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>