Year 4 Newsletter
Autumn 2

Welcome back everyone, I hope you have had a lovely half term break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the start of the new term.

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

Bonfire Bingo— Tuesday 3rd November

Individual photographs—Wednesday 4th November

Parents' Evenings — Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November

Anti-Bullying Week—16th November

Y3/4 Cinema trip—Monday 16th November

Christmas Fair—Monday 7th December

School Pantomime—17th December

School closes– Friday 18th December

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 have changed and will be **Wednesday afternoon** and **Thursday morning swimming** 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.

Our Curriculum Overview

ENGLISH

In English we will be using a range of texts to develop the children's oracy and storytelling this half-term, including Leo and the Gorgons Curse.

Lessons will also cover specific areas of SPaG each week.

MATHS

In Maths, we will be focusing on statistics, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, time and 3-D shape.

SCIENCE

In Science we are going to be exploring explore how sounds are made, how they travel, and how pitch and volume can be changed. We will use a scientific enquiry approach and a range of skills including: researching, observing, investigating and interpreting.

COMPUTING

In Computing we are going to be looking at animation using Purple Mash.

HISTORY

In History we are going to be answering the questions "Who were the Anglo-Saxons and how do we know what was important to them?"

ART

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

RE

Our topic for RE this half term is 'Why are festivals important to religious communities?'

Home Learning

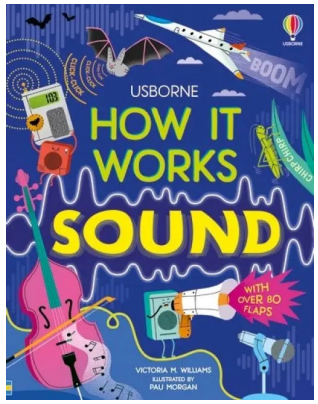
English & Maths

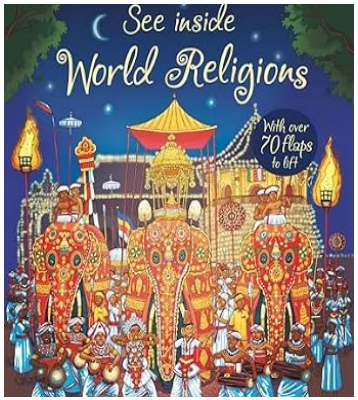
Children are expected to read 4 times per week and reading planners will be checked each Friday for evidence of an adult signature of the four reads. Please also continue to practise timetables regularly. Timetables Rockstars is a great tool for supporting this.

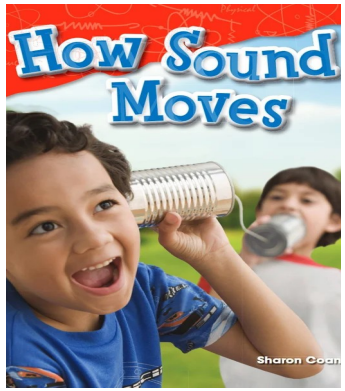
Spelling

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.

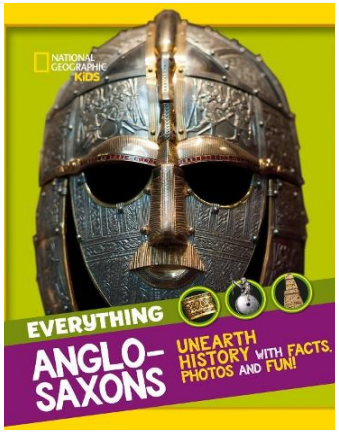
To further support independent reading for pleasure, take a look at the suggestions below that are linked to specific topics and authors we are focusing on this half term:













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