

Year 4's Newsletter



Dear Parents,

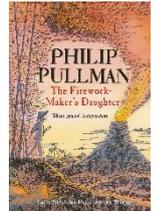
I hope you have had a lovely Easter break and are feeling refreshed for the Summer term.

This half term year 4 continue to have the support of Mrs Howarth in class and Mrs Killan will cover my PPA time on a Thursday afternoon.

English

To begin the new term, we will be using inverted commas and exploring correct speech punctuation in our grammar lessons with a link to our Narnia work.

We will then use a new text in our Guided Reading and English lessons; 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. Children will explore the grammatical features of relative clauses, subordinating conjunctions and use of commas for lists to plan, draft and edit their own newspaper report based on an event from the story.



Maths

To begin the new term, we will be learning the short method of division to divide 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers including looking at some questions that will involve remainders. We will first explore this method using concrete resources and visual representations before moving on to working in an abstract manner.

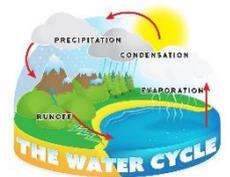
We will revisit our knowledge of fractions in order to focus on subtracting 2 fractions from one another and to calculate quantities of amounts.

Our main focus for the half term will be decimals; recognising tenths and hundredths, writing decimals on a place value grid and on a number line, ordering and comparing decimals and dividing 1 or 2 digit numbers by 10 or 100.



Science

We will continue with our Science topic 'States of Matter' this half term. We will explore gases and work practically to measure the weight of gases. We will investigate the changing states of water and learn about how water evaporates. Children will be working on their observational skills and will work practically to take measurements and record their findings in a variety of ways including tables, bars and graphs.



Humanities

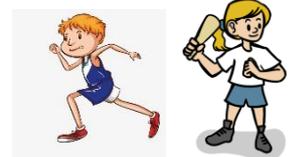
We will continue our topic 'Mountains, Rivers and Coasts'. The children will name and locate some of the islands that surround the UK and explore how they work together. Children will name and locate different mountains and rivers in the UK, and with the help of their Maths skills, will plan a journey to a mountain in the UK.

Our artwork this half term will reflect our Science and Humanities topics as children use lines and marks to show texture in their work. The children will use some different media forms including digital images in their art work.



P.E

Year 4 will have their first P.E. slot on a **Monday** afternoon and their second P.E. slot on a **Friday** afternoon. The children will be focusing on Athletics and Rounders skills in their P.E. slots this half term. Please can the children bring clothing appropriate for both indoor and outdoor sessions so that if the weather is not appropriate we can continue our session indoors.



R.E.

Our R.E unit this half term will explore the Church and sacred places. The children will explore whether all churches are the same and discuss what it means to belong to a church. The children will look at the places of worship for other faiths and examine the similarities and differences.



PSHCE

The unit 'People Around Us' will look at similarities and differences between people, explore how people are all connected and focus on how to work collaboratively to achieve a joint end goal.



Homework

This half term`s homework will be handed out in the children's homework books. Their books should be handed in each **Wednesday** and will be handed out again on a Friday. As well as the suggested activities on the homework sheet, **Mathletics, Times Tables Rock Stars and SPaG.com** can be used as part of the weekly homework. Your child's log in details for each app is inside their homework book. Please could a note be written in the homework book if one of these apps has been used for homework as I am able to then check their results online and set further activities for the future. These apps and websites are really useful ways of consolidating and extending the children's knowledge and skills in these areas.

Spellings and Times Tables

Spellings will continue to be tested on a Friday morning and the next week's list will be sent home on a Friday in the children's Spelling books. We will continue to complete Minute Maths challenges each day in class to aid in children's quick recall of multiplication and division facts. Children will be told each week which multiplication table will be tested in Minute Maths the following week. This half term we will be focusing on the **6s, 7s, 9s and 11s**. I will often set multiplication and division tasks on Mathletics for additional practice of these number facts. Times Tables Rock Stars is another valuable app for practicing these skills.



Reading Books

Reading books will be changed once a week on a **Tuesday**. **Please can reading books and reading records be brought to school each day**. This is so that if we have an additional adult in class, children will then be able to have an extra session reading with an adult.

Year four will continue to have library time on a Wednesday afternoon. They can visit the school library to choose a book to take home in addition to their school reading book.

Please do not hesitate to come in and see me if you have any questions or concerns. If I am unable to talk to you at the time, we can arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

Kind regards,

Miss Lees