

YEAR 4 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER SPRING 2

Welcome back Year 4! We hope that you had a wonderful half term break and feel refreshed to continue with the academic year. This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Topic- Our topic for this term is Rivers! We will be learning about the journey of a river, the different uses of rivers, exploring flooding and droughts and learning about the River Thames. We will focus on geography objectives and map work such as aerial maps and drone footage to support our learning.



Google Classroom - We will be using Google Classroom frequently to share any updates or provide extra homework to support our learning in class. Please ensure your child is logging in weekly.



English - This term in English we will be developing our writing skills through reading Shackleton's Journey, a uniquely visual non-fiction re-telling of Ernest Shackleton's epic expedition across the Antarctic. We will be focusing on setting descriptions and writing newspaper reports. In spelling, we will be learning suffixes, prefixes and revising a range of different punctuation. We will be consolidating these through handwriting (letter join). During guided reading we will be exploring a range of different genres within fiction.



Maths-Our first focus of this half term will be to consolidate multiplication and division by using different methods to solve a range of fluency and problem solving questions. Then, we will learn about length and perimeter and area.

Times Tables - Times Tables will be a big focus in Year 4, with all children in the country being tested in the summer term. Children in Year 4 are expected to know their 1-12 times tables and to be fluent in doing so. We would therefore encourage you to do as much practice as you can with times tables at home. Times Tables Rockstars is a great programme to help with this - please use it regularly.



Science- In Science, we will be introducing the topic of States of Matter, with a focus on experiments.

PE- Your child will have two PE sessions per week. This half term the focus will be swimming and problem-solving skills with a focus on: movement, awareness, tactics and strategies, communication and listening and cooperation.

4AB will have their **PE lessons on Tuesdays**.

4HE will have their **PE lessons on Tuesdays**.

Swimming Lessons will be for both 4AB and 4HE on a WEDNESDAY

Please make sure your child has their PE kit on the correct day.

Thanks, Alex and Hannah