

YEAR 4 SPRING 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2022



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school after the Christmas break. I hope you had a relaxing holiday and enjoyed yourselves. On behalf of myself and the Year 4 staff, we would like to say a big thank you for all the cards, well wishes and generous gifts received for Christmas, we are very grateful!

We are excited to start swimming this term! Please make sure the children come pool ready (swimming costumes/shorts under their P.E kits) and bring a towel, underwear and a snack.

In English, we will be using a picture book which follows the story of a boy who finds a camera at the beach and discovers unusual photos of 'flotsam'- various items discarded at sea. This continues to highlight the issue of pollution and will result in some persuasive and descriptive writing. We will also look at some non-fiction writing about rivers linked to our geography and produce a non-chronological report about the water cycle. As part of our geography learning, we look forward to embarking on our first school trip of the year!

In maths this half term, we will be looking at multiplication and division, area and fractions. Every maths lesson will include fluency, reasoning and problem-solving elements and there will be plenty of opportunity to apply what we have learnt in real life scenarios. Every Monday the maths lesson will be focused on arithmetic skills, mental maths and times tables. The children will have regular opportunities to practise their times tables each week. Please make sure they are practising regularly at home on times tables rockstars.

Starting from now, please return your child's reading folder each day. This will help staff add notes to reading record and communicate with you. Please note we will continue to change books on a Monday. Thank you for your support.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please visit our website to see our knowledge organisers.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks, Mrs Wray

Important Days

Monday:

Reading books changed
PE lesson (come in PE kit)

Monday:

Swimming (come in PE kit and pool ready)

Friday:

Spelling Test

Important Dates

Tuesday 11th January
Year 4 start swimming

Wednesday 12th January
Gymnastics in school - wear P.E kit

Thursday 20th January
Year 4 school trip

Wednesday 26th January
Year 4 to church

Monday 31st January 4pm
Y4 maths and MTC parent meeting on Zoom

Tuesday 8th February
Safer Internet Day

Friday 11th February 9.15am
E Safety parent meeting with School Council



