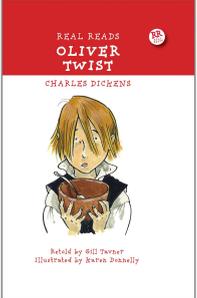
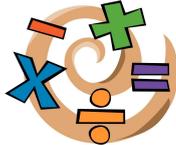


Year 4 Newsletter
Spring Term 1 2021

Dear Parents

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term. We are looking forward to this half term and hope you find the following information about our main areas of learning helpful.

Curriculum overview for this half term (please refer to the topic web for further details)

Topic: Britain Then and Now We are excited to be starting a new topic with History as a lead subject.	
Subject	Main Learning
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dramatic writing through Oliver Twist ● Figurative and descriptive language ● Writing in the first person - diary entries/letters ● Poetry techniques ● Possessive pronouns ● Verb tenses ● Fronted adverbials 
Spelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 3/4 word list ● Spelling rules – Year 4 National Curriculum 
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Number – Multiplication and division ● Measurement – Area ● Fractions 
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Electricity 
Foundation Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Britain Then and Now – a comparative study between the Victorian Era and modern times 

Learning this Half-Term

Due to the current circumstances, our learning will look different this half term as we adapt to the virtual classroom supported by live teaching lessons. We have been really impressed with how the children have already learnt so many new skills and have risen to the challenges of navigating this new way of learning. One piece of work will be set daily on your child's Google Classroom and should be 'turned in' by 3pm that day.

Communication The Google Classroom is an ideal platform for communication between your child and their class teacher, in addition to the live lessons. Once a piece of work has been turned in, please encourage your child to respond to any marking by acknowledging it and writing in the comment section. It is also suitable for your child to ask any 1:1 questions.

Any books that your child is reading at home can still be recorded in their homework diary. Merton Libraries are offering a Click and Collect service. If you do not have a copy of the Year 4 recommended reading list, one can be accessed on the school website. Spellings are being set weekly on the Google Classroom followed by a hand in task every Tuesday.

Sharing our Learning

Last term it was lovely to see the children take part in the virtual Christmas Concerts. This half-term we look forward to the children learning and sharing with you some of the songs from Oliver at home. Once a week, during our 1.30pm sessions, the children will have a chance to share and celebrate work that they are proud of. We are also looking to develop ways for children to present their learning in our digital environment.

We appreciate the support and encouragement you give to your child and hope that this information helps you to be involved in his or her learning. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Dumont, Mrs Howson, Mr Lowe and Miss Ringrow