

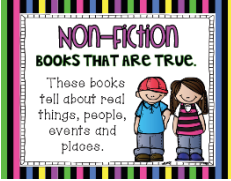



## Year 4 Newsletter Summer Term 1 2024

Dear Parents,

We wish you and your children a very warm welcome back to school life. We are looking forward to this half term and settling back into the routines that we established during the end of the Spring term.

We 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)**

<b>Topic: Beneath the Surface</b>	
We will be starting a new topic this half term which looks at earth systems including volcanoes, earthquakes and the implications of living near the tectonic plate boundaries.	
Subject	Main Learning
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dramatic writing</li> <li>• Figurative and descriptive language</li> <li>• Possessive pronouns</li> <li>• Verb tenses</li> <li>• Fronted adverbials</li> <li>• Non-fiction texts.</li> <li>• Use of apostrophes to show contractions and possession</li> </ul> 
Spelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 3/4 word list</li> <li>• Spelling rules – Year 4 National Curriculum</li> </ul> 
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decimals</li> <li>• Money</li> <li>• Time</li> </ul> 
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electricity</li> </ul>
Foundation Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geography:: Beneath the Surface – focus on volcanoes, earthquakes and tectonic plates.</li> <li>• RE: Buddhism</li> <li>• PE: Athletics / Sports day prep</li> <li>• Music: Global pentatonics and 'The Horse in Motion' – creating music inspired by the first ever motion picture.</li> </ul> 

### **Multiplication Times Tables Check**

In June all Year 4 children across the country will be completing a Multiplication Times Tables Check. The check has been in place for the past two years. The check is taken by the children online and lasts about 5 minutes. There are 25 questions and the children will have 6 seconds to input the answer. We will practise how to complete the test in the coming weeks.

We have been working hard on our times tables and it is important the children continue this at home. Timestables Rockstars is an excellent resource for this and we encourage the children to use it.

You will receive the results of this check in July with your child's end of year report. Please click on this link for further information: [Information for Parents](#).

### **Speaking and Listening**

We would like to introduce a new theme for Primary Talk sessions. In these weekly sessions, children are invited to prepare a short presentation to give to the rest of the class. This gives the children the opportunity to gain experience and confidence in speaking in front of their peers. We would like the children to choose a place on Earth where they would like to visit. This could be anywhere from a tropical beach to the top of Mount Everest. Children should be prepared to tell their peers all about their chosen place and why they would like to visit that place.

We appreciate the support and encouragement you continue to 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.

We will be reading some non-fiction texts this term. Please continue to read a wide variety of texts with your child to give them a broad experience of language and text genres.

### **Summer Weather**

Please do remember, should we ever get warm weather, to provide a sun hat and sun cream for your child, as well as a water bottle.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Dumont, Mrs Hampshire, Mr Lowe and Mrs Prells**