

Year 4 Newsletter – Spring 1

Welcome

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and a restful break. We are now moving into the spring term where we have lots of exciting things for the children to learn about. Below is some information on what we will be covering.

Reading

We have daily reading lessons, and we focus on a new text each week.



The children will continue to receive opportunities to develop reading for pleasure through independent and paired reading.

New reading records will be given to the children for this term – please record all home reading so that we can update our 'Home Reading Charts' that we have in class.

Writing

This term we will be covering various writing genres. Our writing texts will be:



- The Iron Man by Ted Hughes.
- Eye of the Wolf by Daniel Pennac
- Invasions (short film)

We will be covering different text types and focusing on various skills such as writing narratives, setting descriptions, non-chronological reports and poetry.

Maths

In maths this term, the students will be looking at more multiplication and division before taking a deep dive into length and perimeter. They will look at





rectilinear shapes and how to measure them with accuracy. This will be followed by fractions where the students will investigate the tricky topic of mixed numbers and improper fractions.

We will continue times tables practice three times per week, with a test every Friday.

Science



The children will take on the states of matter by deep diving into solids, liquids and gases. This will include looking at condensation and evaporation and the water cycle and how temperature affects it.

Computing



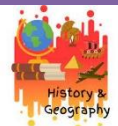
In computing this term, the children will be learning how to write for different audiences. This will include font styles, using a simulated scenario to produce a news report and community campaign.



Art

We will be exploring how to create different textures and prints using paint. We will be learning techniques such as dabbing, stippling, pointillism and washes. We will mix different colours and investigating how to make them lighter and darker.

History



In history this term, children will develop an understanding of why people invaded and settled. They will learn about Anglo-Saxon beliefs and assess their contribution to modern Britain.

Music



In music this term, the children will be looking at rock and roll music, starting with learning about the history of rock and roll to being able to play a rock and roll piece of music by the end of the unit.

PE



PE days this term will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Children need to come to school in their PE kits on these days. Please remember that children should not wear earrings



on these days, or they should be able to take them out independently. The children will be learning Bat Skills and Dodgeball this term.

PSHE



Our PSHE units this term are called Coming Home on Time and Jealousy. We will learn about responsibilities of time keeping when coming home and ways to help manage jealousy.

Spanish

In Spanish this term, the students will be looking into the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. They will look to retain vocabulary and be able to recite the story using vocabulary cards.

Homework



Our weekly homework expectations:

- Children should read **at least four times a week at home** and record this in their reading diaries with the book title and page numbers read. Their diaries should be signed by a parent each week. The children can win prizes when they read regularly – four times a week for six consecutive weeks.
- Spellings should be practised using Spelling frame. They have a spelling test on Wednesdays.
- Times tables should be practised regularly to build fluency. This can be done on Times Table Rockstars. The children are tested every Friday.

All required log ins are in the front of your child's reading diaries. Please speak to the class teacher if you need replacement copies.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude.



Class information

Rhinos

Class Teacher: Mr Wright

Supported by: Mrs McIntyre and Mrs Mrs Mikolajczyk

Zebras

Class Teacher: Miss Toward

Supported by: Miss Neale

You can contact your child's class teacher through Class Dojo messages.

Dates for the diary!





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Key Dates for Parents 2024-2025

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Monday 6th January – Training Day

Tuesday 7th January – School reopens to pupils

Thursday 9th January – Book & Biscuit Event 8.40am-9am

Thursday 23rd January – Whole School Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk

W/B 5th February – Parents' Open Sessions (Maths) – days and timings tbc

W/B 10th February – Mental Health Week

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February – school closes for Half Term

