

Year 4 Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome

We have had a busy spring term already and cannot believe how quickly we are moving through these terms! We are looking forward to another exciting term.

Reading

We will continue to explore a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts in our reading lessons. Each week we will look at an extract from a different text and explore this in detail, looking at vocabulary, inference, retrieval and more.



The children will be given daily opportunities to engage in reading for pleasure.

Writing

This term our writing focuses on the theme of rain forests.

The children will be using the book 'The Great Kapok Tree', to gain knowledge and vocabulary for writing, and to explore ways to create vivid images for the reader.

They will then move on to designing and creating persuasive texts as part of a campaign to save the rain forest!



Maths

This term in maths, we will be looking length and perimeter, fractions and decimals.

The children will be exploring perimeter using a grid and using their mathematical thinking to solve missing lengths. They will then move on to comparing and ordering improper fractions and converting improper fractions to mixed number fractions.





Science



This term in science, we will be exploring ways to group living things. The children will be working scientifically to create classification keys, study how habitats change over time and understand the positive and negative effects humans have on their surroundings.

Computing



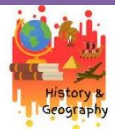
This term in computing, the children will use a program called 2Logo which is a web based coding language used to control an on-screen turtle to create mathematical patterns. Children were introduced to turtle patterns using 2Go in year 1.



DT

This term in DT, the children will be making and designing mechanical cars that use different methods of movement and creating and developing a car with a working slingshot mechanism.

Geography



This term in geography we are looking at where our food comes from. We will explore the impact of our food choices on the environment, the importance of trading responsibly, the journey of a cocoa bean, and whether it is better to buy local or imported food.

Music



In music the children will be exploring changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics. They will sing in tune and in harmony with others and explain how a piece of music makes them feel with some use of musical terminology.

PE



In PE, the children will be learning to play handball with our experienced coach from Peterborough and the basic skills of swimming. Children will be learning the basics skills of front crawl and backstroke.



PSHE



This term, the children will be learning about internet safety and how to spot online bullying.

Spanish

This term, the children will be learning about animals and their habitats. This links well with our science topic and writing topic this term.

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 Mondays.
- 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.



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CHALLENGE OURSELVES

LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES

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FOR OUR WORDS

FOR OUR ACTIONS

FOR OUR ACADEMY

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 McIntrye and 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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Monday 24th February – school reopens to pupils.

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day / Book & Biscuit Event 2.40pm-3pm

Friday 21st March – Comic Relief Day (Mufti Day)

Tuesday 25th March - Parents evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Wednesday 26th March- Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Friday 28th March – Wear blue and yellow for World Down's Syndrome Day

Thursday 3rd April – School closes for Easter

Friday 4th April – Training Day

