



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 will explore a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry 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 in writing the children we will look at Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. As we read the text, we will be exploring expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and figurative language. We will then be writing a character description based on Willy Wonka.



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, evaporation, the water cycle and how temperature affects it.



Computing This unit introduces children to Logo programming, focusing on developing their understanding of basic commands and programming concepts. Children will learn to shape and letters using instructions that contain advanced features such as procedures.



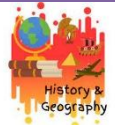


Art

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. At the end of this term, we will be holding an Anglo-Saxon day.



PE

Carnations class we be learning to play dodgeball on a Monday while Dafodils will attend swimming lessons on a Tuesday. Both classes will have Tag-Rugby on a Wednesday.



PSHE

Our PSHE lessons will focus on managing risks covering topics such as online safety, substance abuse and external influences.

Spanish

In Spanish we will be focusing on the unit '**En la cafetería** (At the cafe). Children will learn how to say different menu items in Spanish. They will cover this through speaking and listening exercises as well as reading and writing tasks.

Home Learning



- The children will be given a weekly homework sheet that revisits key skills learnt across the week. This will be given out on Fridays and will need to be returned the following Friday.
- Children should be reading at least four times a week at home. Please record this in their reading diaries.
- Spellings should be practised weekly and can be found via Class Dojo and the children are also given paper copies. They will have a spelling test on Mondays.
- Times tables should be practised 3 times per week, with one of those days to be completing the Multiplication Tables Checker to build fluency. This can be done on timestables.co.uk. The children are tested every Friday. Please make sure you login. 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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SCHOOL VALUES

RESPECT

FOR OURSELVES

FOR OTHERS

FOR OUR ACADEMY

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RESILIENCE

BELIEVE IN OURSELVES

CHALLENGE OURSELVES

LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES

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RESPONSIBILITY

FOR OUR WORDS

FOR OUR ACTIONS

FOR OUR ACADEMY



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for showing the school values: Respect
Responsibility and Resilience.

Class information

Creative Carnations

Class Teacher: Mr Wright

Supported by: Mrs Fuller

Delightful Daffodils

Class Teacher: Miss Tucker

Supported by: Mrs McIntrye

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

Dates for the diary!

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Monday 5th January - INSET Day

Tuesday 6th January - School reopens to pupils

Monday 12th January - Y6 PiXL window opens

Thursday 15th January - Book & Biscuit session 2.40pm

Wednesday 21st January - Whole School Panto - Robin Hood

Monday 26th January - Y3-Y5 PiXL window opens

Wednesday 4th February - Y6 PiXL QLA deadline

Friday 6th February - NSPCC Whole School Number Day - timings tbc

W/B 9th February - Mental Health Week – wear yellow

Tuesday 10th February - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 11th February - JAM Coding Safer Internet Workshops (Y3am and Y4pm)

Thursday 12th February - JAM Coding Safer Internet Workshops (Y3am and Y4pm)

Thursday 12th February - Valentine's Day Disco timings tbc (Reception/KS1/KS2)

Friday 13th February - Spring 2 Year Group Newsletters and Timetables

Friday 13th February - school closes for Half Term

