

Year 4
with Mr Mayfield and Miss
Carlton-Ware
April – May 2024

Welcome back. We hope you enjoyed the 2 weeks off school and feel ready and refreshed. Our new topic this half term is Mountains.

Maths

As we approach the statutory Multiplication Tables Check in June, we will be giving an even more increased focus to times table practise. The children will be performing written times table tests regularly in school and spending lots of time practising on TT Rockstars. We would really appreciate if between now and June, you ensure that your child is practising their times tables at home regularly. Please also make sure that your child's Chromebook is fully charged every day. In addition to our work on times tables, we will also continue to use the White Rose Maths scheme to support the delivery of our maths lessons. We will be exploring the topics of decimals, time and money.

English

Thank you for ensuring that your child comes to school with their reading record and reading book every day, we are seeing some great progress in their reading levels. As usual, please take good care of all books sent home and please make sure that you sign your child's reading record at least 3 times a week, otherwise their book may not be changed. In our reading lessons, children will be focusing on the book 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. In our writing lessons, we will be writing exciting quest stories about two heroes overcoming a challenge.

Topic

In Science, we will be learning about animals and the different habitats they call home. We will spend time exploring different food chains, creating food webs and classification keys. These will help us identify the habitat an animal lives in, and classify whether an animal is a mammal, amphibian, bird, fish or insect using its features.

Swimming and PE days

Both classes have now had two full half terms of swimming and the progress they have made has been amazing. They really are wonderful representatives for our school. Thank you for making sure that your children are well prepared and equipped for their swimming lessons!

Michael Jordan Class: will be going swimming on a Thursday and a Friday this half term. Please come to school wearing PE kit, you need to bring your Chromebook to school AND your swimming kit.

Nelson Mandela: PE days will be Wednesday and Thursday. We will be going outside to do PE, so please make sure you're wearing appropriate, warm PE kit on colder days.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to speak to us on the door any evening or ring the office and we will phone back at our earliest convenience.

Many thanks!

The Year 4 Team

Important Dates:

- Monday 15th April - Eid parties whole school
- Monday 6th May – Bank holiday, School closed
- Friday 24th May - School closes for the half- term break



You can help by:

Helping your child to recall multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 and division facts, as this is a huge focus in Year 4. Please encourage your child to use their Chromebooks also to support practice of these. There are lots of apps and websites ready for you.

Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them, as well as asking questions about the book. Encourage your child to make predictions about what might happen in a book using evidence from the text to justify their ideas or ask them questions about how they think a character might be feeling. Encourage them to make connections with the text or wonder and ask questions about different parts.

Helping your child to complete their weekly homework on My Maths and Spelling Shed. This homework is always based on current or upcoming learning and skills.