

Year 4 Curriculum Spring Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,
Happy New Year and welcome to a new and exciting term. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and are ready to take on the new challenges of the new year.



This term our topic will be '**Map skills**' We will learn about how to use a map, compass and coordinates. We will investigate the human and physical geography of the UK and Europe.

In **science** we will begin to look at states of matter, solids, liquids, and gases. Following this, we will begin looking at habitats and where animals live.

In **English** we will start off with adventure stories, looking at how authors change their vocabulary and setting depending on the time they are writing about. We will then move on to writing about persuasion and looking at brochures. There will also be a strong focus on spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

Read **20 minutes** a
day and you'll read
1,800,000 words
per year.

The children enjoy **Guided Reading** and we will start by reading Charlotte's Web. We make time for reading every day in class for at least 25 minutes. We will also continue to focus on written comprehension and how to answer a variety of comprehension questions. Parents can help the development of reading comprehension skills enormously by discussing what children have read with them on a

regular basis and all children should be reading at home. The children also have their own laminated bookmarks which has a variety of general questions that you can ask your child whilst they are reading their book with you.

Reading is an important skill and children will continue to have a reading book from the school which matches their Accelerated Reader level. Your support in listening to your child read and the comments you make in their reading record book are much appreciated.

Think of a number. Double it. Add six.
Half it. Take away the number you
started with. Your answer is three.

We will continue to work on our **Maths** throughout the term, building on what we have already learnt, such

as, the four rules: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; decimals and conversion of measures. A good knowledge of **times tables** is essential for a child to make good progress in maths. We will continue to use TT Rockstars and the children are expected to play 3 times a week for ten minutes at home.

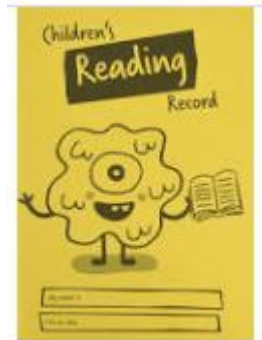


It is quite useful for the children to complete the sound check game to practise at home. The children are also able to show you on the app their own individual heat map and the progress they have made so far with their times tables.



Our PE days are Monday and Thursday. Please make sure that PE kits are in school on these days. Children need to bring black shorts, a house colour short sleeved top and plimsolls. They may wish to bring jogging bottoms or a top (dark in colour) and trainers for outside lessons during the colder months. Please label all items of clothing so that we can return any misplaced items.

It is important that children look after the yellow Reading Records and keep their covers clean and tidy. Home communication books are for recording reading, spellings and other homework activities and some children like to put their stickers and certificates in them. Positive comments, notes to parents and other information about a child's learning are sometimes recorded in books so it is important they are checked by adults regularly. The children are able to record on their own that they have read 3 times in the week. Just a reminder that the children are expected to read for 20 minutes every day during the school week.



If you have any questions, feel free to speak to me after school or send a message via class dojo to book an appointment to meet in person if you need a little more time for discussion.

We are looking forward to working with you and the children this term.

Miss Stoneman 😊