

Year 4 Spring 1Term Curriculum

Happy New Year. The children have returned from the Christmas break ready to learn and have already taken on the role of 'Disaster investigators' during our hook day. Using the clues provided to them, the children pieced together the evidence to find out the cause of a natural disaster. The Year 4 teachers were very impressed with the children's ability to use evidence to problem solve.

Spring 1 Curriculum – Eruptions and Disruptions

This half term, the children will become 'Disaster investigators' and will learn about the structure of the Earth.

With a focus on volcanoes and earthquakes, the children will find out how and why these natural disasters happen. They will complete case studies about specific volcanoes and will offer safety advice to people who wish to travel to countries where there is a high risk of a natural disaster.

Our literacy learning is linked closely with our topic this half term. The children will be informing each other by creating their own explanation documentaries. These play scripts will showcase their knowledge of volcanoes and earthquakes and will include a variety of sentence types.

The outcome for this topic will be a red carpet premier event, where the children will watch and critique the documentaries created.

Music The In2music teachers have started teaching lessons again this week. All classes will continue to take place during a Tuesday afternoon. Please make sure that instruments are in school for these lessons as we do not have any spare instruments.

Parent Helpers Thank you to our parent helpers who come in each week to help children with reading, times tables and maths learning. Do you have any spare time during school hours to help? The year 4 team would be extremely grateful to any family members willing to give up their time to help the children. Please speak to the office team if you can help.

Homework

Homework is set on a **Wednesday** and is due back on a **Monday**.

SPELLINGS – Curriculum words have been sent home this week along with the spelling booklet. Please encourage the children to learn these spellings throughout the next few weeks ready for a test in the final week of the half term. A new set of spellings will be sent home after the half term.

READING – Children should be reading at home at least four times per week and should be recording their reading reflections in their logs. Reading records will be checked by their class teacher each week.

TIMES TABLES – Children are expected to revise and learn new times tables each week. A times table worksheet will be sent home every other week for children to complete.

French Miss Downs will be teaching interactive French lessons to all classes every Wednesday morning this half term.

This term they will be focusing on adjectives, sports, food and drink.

PE

Indoor PE: Friday (all classes)

Outdoor Games: Wednesday – led by Team Spirit (all classes)

Spring 1: The Team Spirit team continue to run our outdoor PE sessions. This half term the children are focusing on developing their attacking and defending skills. During indoor PE, the children will be learning how to play Dodge Ball whilst improving their ability to work as a team.

Spring 2: Next half term the children will be focusing on balances using the wall bars during our indoor PE sessions and will be problem solving during their outdoor PE lessons.

As the weather gets colder, please make sure your child has warm clothing for their outdoor PE sessions as Team Spirit are keen to work outside whenever possible.

Key dates in year 4

Spring 1

8/1/18- Eruptions and Disruptions Hook day.

Week beginning 5/2/18 – spelling test

6/2/18- In2music concert

6/2/18 – Share my learning 3.20pm

8/2/18 – Share my learning 8.45am – 9.15am

9/2/18- Red Carpet Premier- Smart clothes dress up day – further details will follow.

Resources

During the first half term of summer, we will be starting our Design and Technology topic 'Rags to Riches'. If you have any spare fabric, plastic bags, ties or cardboard please send these in during March.

We thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to working with you again this term.

The Year 4 Team

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