

Year 4 Newsletter



Term 1 (2022/2023)



Article 29 (Goals of Education)

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures.

News

Welcome back! I would like to congratulate Year 4 on such a positive start to the school year. Everyone has settled into the new school year brilliantly and has shown enthusiasm towards their learning.

With this commitment and passion to learning, I am really looking forward to this term.

Our PE day this term is a Wednesday. Please ensure children comes to school in their full PE kit on this day.

Mr Hill

Reading

This term we will be reading *War Game* by Michael Foreman. Through this, we will develop an understanding of the First World War, understanding key dates, causes and countries involved. The children will use this knowledge to help them to understand the text in more depth.



Writing

This term, we will focus our writing based around narrative tales. The children will be learning to use direct speech and descriptive vocabulary. We will continue to focus on writing accurate simple, complex and compound sentences and we will be combining these to write clear and high quality paragraphs.

Maths

During term 1, Year 4 will be developing their understanding of money as well as measurement and capacity. The ability to measure accurately is a skill that the children will use across science, geography and D&T, as well as in adult life!

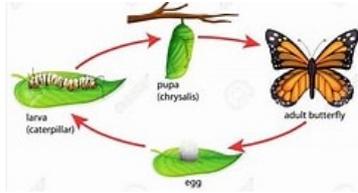
They will be using different scales including millimetres (mm), centimetres (cm) and metres (m).

By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know their times tables up to 12 x 12 and strengthening this knowledge will be one of our main focuses in term 1. All the children have a TT Rock Stars login, so any additional practice they can do at home will really help them secure their confidence and knowledge in times tables.

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6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
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Science

In science this term we will be learning about the life cycles of humans and other animals and considering the basic needs of humans for survival.



PE

This term, the children in Year 4 will be learning and developing their PE skills whilst playing invasion games. There will be a focus on football. The children will develop their accuracy in passing and shooting as well as their understanding of defence strategies.



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History

This term, our History focus will be Ancient Greece. Throughout our lessons, we will explore Ancient Greek inventions and advancements, way of life, rivalry and conflict and Ancient Greek gods and goddesses! The 'big question' that we will answer is 'In what ways has Ancient Greek culture impacted on the western world?'.


Spanish

This term we will be continuing to learn Spanish. We will learn vocabulary for items found in our classroom.



PSHE

During this term we are going to look at our strengths, skills and interests. We will understand what self-esteem means and how we can boost our self-esteem. We will set and understand the goals we have, and how to manage setbacks to achieving our goals.



Art

This term, the children in Year 4 will be developing their drawing skills. They will look at different textures and tones with a focus on the artists Monet and Georgia O'Keefe and the sculpture Henry Moore.



RE

Our 'big question' in R.E. this term is 'What is a pilgrimage?'. We will explore what pilgrimages are and what they are believed to mean to people of different faiths.



Homework

Please read with your child daily as this is vital for their progress. Weekly homework will be set on Friday and is due in on the following Wednesday. This homework will include spelling work as well as maths revision and times tables practice activities. Please ensure it is completed and returned on time each week.