



Spring Term Class Newsletter Year 4

What we are reading this term:

The Tin Forest by Helen Ward, Until I Met Dudley by Roger McGough, The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy, The Cloud Tea Monkeys by Mal Peet and Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman.

Home reading: Please listen to your child read at least three times per week for around 15 minutes and record it in their school diary. Reading is one of the most important things a child can do as it is the key to accessing the whole curriculum. Your child should read a wide variety of books, not just the school reading scheme. A list of recommended reads is available on our website which can be found at the library. Diaries must be signed by an adult after each read.

What we are learning this term

<p><u>English</u> This term we will start by reading '<u>The Tin Forest</u>' and '<u>Until I Met Dudley</u>'. This will help us develop our non-fiction writing with pictures being a stimulus.</p> <p>We will then move on to '<u>The Tear Thief</u>' and then explore the imagery within to write letters and poetry.</p> <p>In the second half of the term, we will read 'The <u>Cloud Tea Monkeys</u>' and develop our descriptive and discussion writing.</p> <p>We will then move on to reading '<u>Cinnamon</u>' in which the children will begin to make inferences about characters and situations in the story.</p>	<p><u>Maths</u> In Maths, we will develop our multiplication and division knowledge and begin to use the formal written methods to solve problems.</p> <p>In the second half of the term, we will start to look at measurement, fractions and decimals and the links between them.</p>	<p><u>Science</u> In Science, we will begin to understand the characteristics of a living thing and begin to consider that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways.</p> <p>We will then move on to looking at states of matter. This will include how materials can change from one state to another, learning about the difference between solids, liquids and gases and classifying objects and identifying their properties.</p>
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<p><u>History</u> In History, we will be looking at how the arrival of The Romans changed Britain.</p>	<p><u>Geography.</u> In our Geography lessons, we will begin to understand why some earth quakes cause more damage than others.</p>	<p><u>Religious Education</u> Throughout this term, we will begin to understand what creation stories teach us about caring for the world and why pilgrimage is important to some religious believers.</p>
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<p><u>Art and Design</u> Throughout this term, we will be looking at the history of Roman mosaics. We will use our knowledge to create our own mosaic piece.</p> <p>Throughout the second half of term, we will be developing our drawing techniques with a focus on insects.</p>	<p><u>Design Technology</u> In Design Technology, we will be designing and creating our own Roman shield.</p>	<p><u>Computing</u> In computing, we will be beginning with the history of animation and then creating our own animation piece.</p> <p>We will then begin to use 'Scratch' to create our own quizzes.</p>
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<p><u>PSHE</u> We will be looking at the rights and responsibilities of people and understanding how to be the best people that we can.</p>	<p><u>PE (Every Wednesday)</u> In PE, we will work on our dynamic balance in gymnastics. We will then move on to developing our ball skills in games.</p>	<p><u>Music</u> In music, we will continue to take part in the Wider Opportunities programme. We will continue to learn how to play the recorder and look at the pitch, tone and rhythm in songs.</p>
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<p><u>Spanish</u> <i>In Spanish, we will develop our knowledge of animals, instruments and begin to retell the traditional tale Little Red Riding Hood.</i></p>	<p><u>Homework and notices</u> Reading-15 minutes a night at least three times a week. Spellings- test is every Friday (words are stapled in diaries) Times Table Rock Stars- three times a week. Friday Challenges- can be completed once a week and returned to school on Tuesday.</p>
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<p>Events this term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Internet Day is Tuesday 11th February 2020 • World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March 2020 • <i>Walk to Viridor Wood (Date TBC)</i>

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The website has full information about the school's curriculum, class information, school information and copies of previous letters sent out. Messages will be sent home using Class Dojo so please ask your child's teacher for information on how to join up if you haven't already.