

Year 4 Newsletter Spring 2018



¡Feliz año Nuevo! *Happy New Year!*

Thank you very much for all the lovely gifts and cards we received this Christmas. We hope you had a lovely Christmas and have your 'can-do' attitude ready for the New Year.

Mrs Booth will be in class all day on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Wednesday afternoons. Mrs Burke is in class on Wednesday mornings and all day on Thursdays and Fridays.

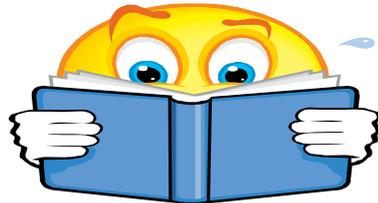
Our Big Questions this term are: Donde en Espana estoy? (Where in Spain am I?) and Where in the UK am I?

We will be using these geography topics to enhance the cross-curricular links in our teaching and learning. Any Spanish memorabilia, photographs, books or information for our Spanish display will be greatly received.

Literacy

Our Literacy work will be based around:

- *stories from other cultures
- *persuasive writing
- *explanations



Please help your child to learn the words/spelling patterns they are given. Spelling assessments will take place on Fridays with Grand Spell at the end of each half term. Please ensure that your child completes their reading record, in detail, (green book) at least 3 times a week and that it is signed by an adult ready for handing in every Tuesday. They should always have a home reading book and their record with them. Volume reading helps writing and spelling, whilst feeding into maths, science and all the other life skills your child needs!

Maths

We will continue to work hard in maths and this term our focus is on multiplication, division, decimals and fractions. Your child will have a times tables, beat that or arithmetic test weekly. Children will be encouraged to solve a range of puzzles or problems and explain how they found the answer. The times table focus this term is 8s and 9s and 11's.

Please test your child at every opportunity! Continue to focus on the times tables learnt last term, we need to ensure they remain embedded. Topic maths will be focusing on time. You can help your



child by providing them with opportunities to discuss time, and to tell the time, using both analogue and digital clocks. Please practice reading the time on both analogue and digital clocks and ask your child time questions e.g. How many minutes till tea time? If the pizza takes 30 minutes what time do we need to take it out?

P.E.

This term we will be swimming on Monday afternoons, and P.E. lessons are Thursday afternoons for the first half term (Gymnastics with an indoor kit) and Tuesday afternoons for the second half term (Games with a warm outdoor PE kit, with spare indoor pumps).

Please ensure that your child's swimming kit is brought into school on Mondays and also that they have the correct PE kit in school. It is important that all items of clothing are labelled.

R.E.

We will be presenting the Easter service in Church on the last day of term. During RE we will learn about the life of Jesus and his betrayal, how the Christian faith is expressed through Art and how Christians sing in worship.

ART/DT

This term we will be looking at Spanish artists, Picasso, Miro and Dali and creating prints and images based upon Picasso's different periods. In DT we will be designing and making our own healthy biscuits.



Maths and English Targets

Throughout the year your child will be given individual targets for maths and literacy. Please take the opportunity to discuss their targets with them.

Homework - thanks for your super effort ensuing homework is completed on time. We know we can count on you to keep up the good work! Remember - Grammar/Comprehension work is given out Thursday, back Wednesday please. Maths is given out Tuesday, due back Monday. Homework can be handed in earlier, if completed before the day it is due in.

This information is designed to help you all have an idea of the topics and key times for some of the events in the spring term. We know we can count on your support for the children's learning. If you would like to discuss any issues, please feel free to call in after 3.30pm any day.

Many thanks!

Mrs Booth and Mrs Burke.