

Year 4 Newsletter Spring 2020



¡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.

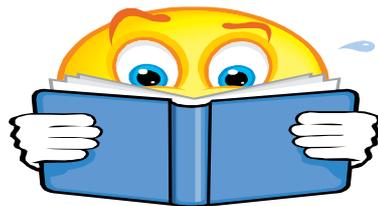
Mrs Booth will be in class all day on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Wednesday mornings. Mrs Burke is in class on Wednesday afternoons and all day on Thursdays and Fridays.

Our Big Questions this term are: Donde en Espana estoy? (Where in Spain am I?) Where in the UK am I? What was life like as a child during the Industrial Revolution?

Literacy

Our Literacy work will be based around:

- *stories from other cultures
- *persuasive writing
- *stories set in imaginary worlds

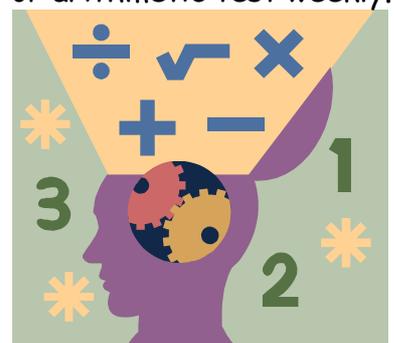


Please help your child to learn the words/spelling patterns they are given. Spelling assessments will take place on Fridays with Grand Spell at the end of each half term. Please ensure that your child completes their reading record, in detail, (green book) at least 3 times a week and that it is signed 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 9s, 11s and 12s.

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 P.E. lessons will be on Tuesday afternoons or Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. We will be practising invasion skills in games and also taking part in dance and gymnastics.

Please ensure that they have the correct PE kit (indoor and outdoor) in school on all PE days. 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 betrayal of Jesus, why Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday and why Jesus is the son of God.

ART/DT

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



SCIENCE

In Science, we will be learning about the states of matter, reversible changes and the role of evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.

COMPUTING

This term we will be looking at algorithms and programs, learning how to debug a program and designing a program to achieve a specific goal.

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.