

Year 4 Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter 2021



Reading	We will continue to work on our comprehension skills, again focusing on inference.
Writing	We will be looking at suspense poetry and then look at a warning tale called The Caravan by Pie Corbett. After this unit, we will look at newspaper reports.
Spelling and handwriting	There will be a different spelling pattern to learn each week in addition to our statutory Y3/4 vocabulary. In our handwriting we will be refining our joined style ensuring our diagonal joins are correct and letters are well formed with a consistent size.
Grammar	We will revisit how to correctly punctuate direct speech. We will also look at apostrophes (for possession), suffixes and noun phrases.
Maths	We will work on multiplication and division using the column multiplication method and the bus stop method. We will then move onto area and fractions.
Science	Our new Science unit is called 'All Living Things'. We will look at classifying and sorting different creatures. We will also explore different environments, habitats and humans' effect on them, for example deforestation and climate change.
Art	We will be looking at the artwork of Gaudi and how he used bright colours and the theme of nature to make beautiful artwork and mosaics. By the end of our unit, we will have made our own mosaic tile.
RE	We will be focussing on Christianity this half term. We will look at why Jesus is important to Christians and how we can link his teachings to our own lives/beliefs.
History/ Geography	We will continue with our Geography topic- looking at the continent of Europe. We will use maps, atlases, and digital mapping to explore similarities and differences between England and other countries in Europe. We will also look at volcanoes that have occurred in Europe and how they happen.
Computing	We will be creating an educational game using Scratch. We will learn how to code questions, movement of a character and different scoring components.
French	In French, we will be looking at recognising the French words for different months of the year, seasons, as well as talking about holidays and hobbies. We will develop our confidence in our speaking and listening skills too.
PE	We will begin swimming lessons (starting on the 11 th January). You should shortly receive an email about this.

Important information and notices



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are looking forward to a new year! I wanted to say a big thank you for all the heart-warming cards and gifts that I received.

Homework

As before, homework is set and marked via Google Classroom. It is sent out on a Tuesday and is expected to be completed by the following Tuesday. Homework includes a piece of English work, a piece of Maths (added via MyMaths) and weekly spellings. Our class spelling tests will be on Tuesday afternoons. There is also a topic grid of other possible tasks to complete each half term, such as DT and Geography. Please try and complete a range of these throughout the term.

Practising the weekly spellings using a variety of techniques and revising the spelling pattern will help not only the performance in weekly spelling tests but apply to written work too.

It is essential that Y4 children know all of their times tables up to 12x12. Keep working hard on TTRockstars, Hit the Button and make use of the Maths support resources on Google Classroom.

If you have any problems with your login or computer access just let me know and we will make alternative arrangements.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. They have been given a reading record to record the books that they have read. They can also log into Bug Club and read any of their allocated books on there. Once a week, they should be completing a VIPERS task in their reading records, either at school or at home, to show their understanding of the books they are reading.

If you have any questions or worries, feel free to email me on class4@thorngrove.stockport.sch.uk

Thank you for your support.
Miss Hart