



Year 4 – Spring 2

<p>OUR TOPIC FOR THIS HALF TERM: In Geography we will be learning about natural resources and how they are used and distributed around the world.</p> <p>In History, we will be discussing key events in Ancient Greek times using key vocabulary and discussing similarities and differences between life today and life in Ancient Greece.</p> <p>In Science we are learning about light and sound. In particular what light is, how materials reflect or absorb light and how shadows are formed. Also, what sound is and how it travels.</p> <p>In DT we will be making 3D free standing structures building from our Sculptures topic in Art.</p> <p>In Music, we will continue our recorder lessons.</p>	<p>AUTHOR OF THE TERM</p> <p>Ross</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">    </div> <p>We will be sharing stories with the children during our end of day class novel time and in our library areas in the classrooms.</p> <p>OUR TEXTS: In whole class reading we are continuing to read Charlotte's Web, answering retrieval, vocabulary, inference, summarising and prediction questions as well as developing reading fluency.</p> <p>In writing, we will be focusing on Ancient Greek mythology. Building on from a character description of a Minotaur and a poem about a mythical beast, we are writing a 'wanted' poster for a mythological creature.</p>	<p>KEY LEARNING IN MATHS:</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p>In Maths, we are developing our knowledge of fractions. We are currently focusing on mixed number fractions before we move onto learning about improper fractions.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Year 4 classes have access to Chromebooks every morning, meaning that we have 15 minutes practice on Times Table Rock Stars every morning. We are seeing a huge improvement in soundcheck scores along with overall progress in times table knowledge.</p> </div> </div> <p>We will continue to use arithmetic tests to improve the pupils' skills in arithmetic. Watch out for the children bringing their tests home to show you how much progress they are making!</p>				
<p>WHERE CAN YOU FIND OUT MORE?</p> <p>You can use these websites to find out about your child's learning at home.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zk2pb9q</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39</p> <p>Paint the Squares - Interactive Number Charts (topmarks.co.uk)</p> <p>https://play.ttrockstars.com/</p>	<p>HELPING AT HOME:</p> <p>It is important that you read with your child as much as possible (at least 3 times per week). Please remember to sign your child's reading record every time you read.</p> <p>Year 4 pupils should be practising Times Tables Rock Stars at home 5 times a week. This will massively support your child's mathematical confidence and progress, ahead of the Multiplication Table Checks (MTC), which will take place in June.</p> <p>The Year 4 Team would like to thank you for your support!</p>	<p>USEFUL VOCABULARY:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Maths</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Science</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fraction ● Equal ● Whole ● Half ● Quarter ● Mixed number </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Light ● Sound ● Reflective ● Waves </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Maths	Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fraction ● Equal ● Whole ● Half ● Quarter ● Mixed number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Light ● Sound ● Reflective ● Waves
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REMINDERS:

Reading books are to be brought in on Thursday to be changed for Friday.
Spellings will be sent home on Fridays, with a spelling test taking place the following Friday.

PE: Swimming will continue on Wednesdays. Our other P.E day will be confirmed and shared on Dojo.

School uniform: As part of school expectations, all children are expected to wear school uniform. The school has spare uniform should you require any – please ask at the office. Reminders will be given when school uniform is not worn.

Geography

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- resource
- natural
- world

DT

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- Evaluate
- Measure
- Cut