

GENERAL

This is our first Year 4 newsletter to keep you informed about what your child will be learning and taking part in this half term. We hope that you will find it useful.

No school bags are necessary in school - just pack-up bags. Every child needs a water bottle in school every day please. If you have any queries, please chat with your child's class teachers - **Mrs Tabor, Mrs Gray, Mrs Wood or Mrs Stuart.**

MATHS - Maths — No Problem! The scheme we use incorporates the use of concrete aids and manipulatives, problem-solving and group work. This term the children will focus on a wide range of mathematical skills linked to place value.

Computing - A program called 'Purple Mash' will be used for our computing this year. This term will focus on 'Coding Skills' where we create simple programs and 'My Media Choices' is the focus for our e-safety work.

GEOGRAPHY - The children will study Rivers. We will learn about the features of a river and a rivers journey from its source to the sea.

ART/DT- Children will follow a programme called 'Kapow'. This half term they will be developing their drawing skills in light and shade.

MUSIC - This area of the curriculum will be covered by our music specialist Mrs Gray. In music this term, the focus is on the theme Enchanted Forest. They will be performing a piece in different parts with chanting and singing, as well as playing the recorder and percussion instruments.

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This year the children are going to be taught French, music and PE in mixed year groups with years 3&4 together as discussed prior to the summer.

Reading books and reading records need to be in school every day.

Children will be asked to go on reading plus and TT Rockstars at home. Please be involved and encourage them to complete tasks. Regular visits to these sites will boost their times table skills and their reading fluency.

Thank you

SPECIAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday 25th September - 2:30pm LKS2 (Year 3 and 4) assembly
Fri 25th October - End of half term

LITERACY - We will complete a fiction unit, 'The River Singers', a poetry unit called 'The River' which links with our geography work. We will be working on our new spelling programme called Spelling Shed. Some children will continue their RWInc work. Class guided reading will take place as well as individual reading.

SCIENCE- We will be looking at a topic called 'In a State'. This is where the children study solids, liquids and gases and the changes of state by carrying out experiments to see what happens to ice when it melts.

R.E. - The unit we will follow is called 'Communities' which explores religious rituals that show identity and belonging. Different religious traditions will be explored including marriage.

PE - PE lessons will take place on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday**. **Please send your child to school wearing their appropriate PE kit.** Lessons will be inside and outside so layering up with a white PE T-shirt, black or dark blue shorts/joggers and blue sweatshirt/hoodie would be advisable with trainers.

FRENCH - Miss Baron will teach French. Children will continue with their conversational skills and complete other tasks linked to the topic 'All about Me'.