



Curriculum Letter for Year 4 - Spring Term 2 2024

General Information

We hope you all had a lovely half term break and are ready for a busy and exciting second half to our spring term ahead!

Curriculum

Maths: We begin the half term with a short unit looking at Time. We will be reading both analogue and digital clocks, using both the 12-hour and 24-hour times and converting between different units of time including hours, minutes and seconds. Our second topic is decimals. This unit will span over several weeks and includes key learning including: rounding decimals, recognizing equivalences and multiplying and dividing using decimal numbers. We end the half term looking at area and perimeter. We will be calculating the perimeter of rectangles and compound shapes. Our Year 4, 4B vs 4W times table competition will be continuing, so get practising! **All children are expected to know their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Y4 for the National test.**

English: We start the new term studying the text '*Odd and the Frost Giants*' by Neil Gaiman, which looks at the idea of taking courage – one of our school values. Throughout the unit, we will be writing character and setting descriptions, and recounting key events from a narrative. This leads us into writing our own mythical narrative from an alternative perspective. We then move on to the text '*Shackleton's Journey*' by William Grill, delving into the theme of exploration and journey. Our final written outcome is a newspaper report, focusing on the layout and content of a tabloid newspaper.

Science: This half term, we will be exploring our unit 'Teeth and Eating'. We will be looking at different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions. We then move on to exploring the functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. Finally, we move onto food chains including producers, predators and prey.

Geography: This term, the children will learn about Rivers and the Water Cycle, which explores the journey of the River Thames. We will focus on the features of a river and how it links to the water cycle. To consolidate this, we will be going on a local river walk in Enfield Town. On our walk, we will be following the New River Path to study its journey and features.

Art: The unit this half term is *Painting and Mixed Media: Still Life - Light and Dark*. We will be looking at tints and shadows to explore creating shades. We will explore different painting techniques and how to create a three-dimensional effect in our art. Finally, we will apply our knowledge of colour mixing and techniques to create a still life piece of art.

Music: Our unit for this term is focused around one song: *Stop!* We will listen to and appraise the song 'Stop' and other songs. We will also build on our knowledge and understanding of rhythm, pitch and notation, as well as learning to rap!

RE: This half term, we are learning about Christianity, studying Holy Communion and how it builds a Christian community. We consider the importance of the Last Supper and Jesus' legacy.

PSHE: Our first topic this term is '*Citizenship*' which involves learning about Human Rights and caring for the environment. We consider the importance of groups in the community and how those groups make contributions to society. We finish by looking at local government and understanding the role they play in our community.

French: Our first unit this term is 'Habitats, where we will learn key vocabulary including what animals and plants need to survive, five of the main habitats and the plants and animals that live there.



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Class Read: Our class read for this half term is *Planet Omar* by Zanib Mian.

PE Days

Outdoor PE is timetabled for Tuesdays. All children must wear their PE kits to school. We also have indoor PE on Thursday. Indoor PE kits will stay in school.

Reading and Spellings

Please continue to make time to read with your child and for your child to be read to, also. We will also be teaching spelling patterns and rules in class. Please continue to go through the Year 3/4 Spelling Word List with your child at home.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday on *Microsoft Teams* and is due in the following Wednesday. Children may also be set homework on MyMaths or Purple Mash – this will be indicated on the work set on *Teams*.

Key Dates

World Book Day (dress up day)	Thursday 7 th March
PTA Wonka Bar sale after school	Thursday 7 th March
50p Book Sale after school	Thursday 7 th March
Online Parent meetings	19th and 21st March. More details to follow.
End of term	Thursday 28 th March – term ends at 2pm
Easter Holidays	Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April