

Year 4 Newsletter

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English

In English we will be learning about narrative texts, writing diary entries and detailed, descriptive stories. The children will be learning about developing character, plot and setting.

This half term, we will also be building on dictionary and thesaurus work, to help the children become independent learners. They will have opportunities to find meanings of new words and substitute common words for more interesting ones.

Our SPAG lessons (spelling, punctuation and grammar) will focus on past tense verbs, inverted commas for direct speech and how to use a fronted adverbial to show where, when or how something happened.

Swimming

Due to the COVID 19 restrictions, there will be no swimming lessons until further notice.

Reading at home - It is vital that your child reads at home for ten minutes each night. Ask them questions about what they've read. Can they describe the characters or summarise the plot? Predict what might happen next? Enjoy!

Our big question this term is, "Would you like to be a Victorian child?" We will be learning about the lives of rich and poor Victorian children. We will also research what school life was like for a Victorian child and make direct comparisons to schools nowadays.

Remember to scan the QR code here and look at the blog to see what we have been learning.

Maths

In Maths, we will be exploring addition and subtraction using the column method and bar model. Children will use the inverse operation to check their answers.

Times tables will be a huge focus this half term, so get practising at home and please challenge your children whenever you can!

We will be posting links and activities on the Year 4 blog to help the children to develop their understanding in these areas of Mathematics. Dojo points will be rewarded for each comment!

Dance and outdoor P.E

Please ensure your child has their P.E kit in school from the start of the week. They need a plain white T-shirt with black shorts or leggings on Tuesdays (to replace swimming lessons) and a warm winter tracksuit and trainers for outdoor games on Wednesdays.

Attendance

It is vital that your child gets to school on-time every day. The doors are open from 8.40am so your child can complete their morning task, before the bell goes at 9.10am. Classes are rewarded with £5 vouchers for the best attendance.

Can you get 100% attendance this half term?

We haven't had 100% attendance yet, so let's try and win before the end of term. 😊



Class novel

Our class novel is called, 'Street Child,' by Berlie Doherty.

We will be discussing the plot and development of characters, settings, as well as discussing the meaning of new vocabulary.

This will be a huge focus in Year 4 and children will be expected to use this new vocabulary in their writing.

Look out on the blog for our writing superstars!