

Year 4 Newsletter

May 2019

Trips We are very excited for our adventure activity day on **Friday 5th July**. We will be enjoying archery, crazy golf, caving, indoor climbing wall and different team-building activities.

Remember to get your permission slip signed and bring **£26** to the office staff. You can pay in instalments (**£2.60/week**) over the next 10 weeks or use parent pay.

English

In English, we will be writing adventure stories, describing in detail the setting, characters and plot. We will also be writing a non-fiction travel guide to Barcelona. This will link to our Geography work. The children will learn how to make notes on information they have found; re-write these notes using interesting topic words and a range of vocabulary, as well as present their information in an informative way that considers the audience and layout of the text.

This half term we will continue to build 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 include lots of practise of year 4 spellings, which the children need to know by the end of the school year. We will also be revising sentence types (questions, commands and exclamations) as well as determiners.

Our Science Question...

This half term, our Science question will be focusing on plants and animals in our local environment.

We will be discussing various habitats and environments; using keys to classify animals and group them and learning about animals that are in danger.

We will also complete a unit of work about personal hygiene and how to take care of ourselves.

Homework

Spellings will still be sent for homework. These will include prefixes and suffixes we've learnt in our English lessons.

Please ensure homework is completed and brought into school by Wednesday,

Maths

Fractions

The children will learn how to recognise and show 'families' of equivalent fractions and their decimals; count up and down in hundredths and solve measure and money problems involving fractions.

Time

The children will learn to read, write and convert time between analogue and digital. Also, solve problems involving converting hours and minutes; minutes to seconds; years to months and weeks to days.

Times tables will continue to be tested this half term, so get practising at home and please challenge your children whenever you can! The link for '**The Daily Ten**' is on the Year 4 blog. Try to go on this at least three times a week to practise building on your mental arithmetic skills. Let's see how much you can improve.

Sports

Your child will continue to go swimming on a Monday.

Gym/dance - A white t-shirt and black shorts/leggings must be worn.

Tracksuit bottoms are not suitable for gymnastic lessons.

Thank you for your continued support!

Attendance

It is vital that your child gets to school on-time every day. The doors are open from **8.50am** so your child can complete their morning task, before the bell goes at 9.00am.

Classes are rewarded with £5 for the best attendance.

Can you get 100% attendance this half term?