



The Curriculum Newsletter Year 4

Term: Summer 1

An Overview of the Theme

This half-term, our theme in Year 4 is mountains and rivers where we will be working up to answering our enquiry question: Are mountains and rivers useful to us?

<p><u>English</u> Your child will be writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting description • Non-chronological report • Retelling a story of a river's journey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use subordinate clauses and subordinating conjunctions. • To use expanded noun phrases. • To use headings and subheadings appropriately. • Use paragraphs based around a theme. • Use fronted adverbials. • To use a range of descriptive writing techniques.
<p><u>Mathematics</u> Your child will be learning about perimeter, length and fractions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To convert between kilometres and metres. • To find perimeters of shapes. • To work out missing lengths of shapes. • To find solutions to problems involving perimeter. • To look at fractions that are greater than 1. • To convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions. • To know how to identify equivalent fractions. • To be able to simplify fractions. • To learn to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. • To learn to subtract a fraction from a whole number. • To understand how to find a fraction of an amount.

<u>Visits and Visitors</u>	<u>Reminders</u>								
<p>Year 4 will be going on a trip to Perlethorpe during the Summer 2 half term to try river dipping. This will link to our topic theme of Rivers and Mountains from our Summer 1 half term.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>How Can You Help?</u></p> <p>We value the support of all parents and carers. If you feel that you can help in any way with the work we are covering then please let us know or if you would like any further information regarding this term's curriculum please do not hesitate to contact school.</p> <p>We also welcome parent helpers who can help listen to children reading. If this is something you are interested in, please let me know.</p> <p>Thank you. Mr Dunnington</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;"><u>Homework</u></td> <td>Children will be sent home spellings every Friday in a spellings book and your child must remember to bring this to school on the following Wednesday for their spellings test.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Times Table Test – June</u></td> <td>We are quickly approaching June whereby all year 4 pupils in the country will take a multiplication test in which they must be fluent in their times tables up to 12 x 12. The test will provide a random times table and be on the screen for 5 seconds before moving onto the next one. This test will be taken on an iPad. Your child has a Times Table Rockstars login to practise on the mode 'soundcheck'. Please try to encourage them do their times table daily. If you own a tablet, we encourage that your child practices on one as the test will be taken on one. There are lots of interesting things to do on the app, such as earning coins to dress up their rock star avatar and compete on the class leader-board. As a pass mark, we are looking for children to get a score of at least 20/25. Currently, 59% of the class are achieving this! Our class target is 80%.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Daily Reading</u></td> <td>Please write in your child's diary each time you read or support in anyway at home. Please get your child to read as much as possible to improve their reading skills.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>PE – Tuesday afternoon</u></td> <td><u>P.E has changed to a Tuesday afternoon now for year 4.</u> ALL children must bring their PE kit into school on Tuesdays. Please ensure your child brings this every week so that they are well-equipped for the lesson.</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Homework</u>	Children will be sent home spellings every Friday in a spellings book and your child must remember to bring this to school on the following Wednesday for their spellings test.	<u>Times Table Test – June</u>	We are quickly approaching June whereby all year 4 pupils in the country will take a multiplication test in which they must be fluent in their times tables up to 12 x 12. The test will provide a random times table and be on the screen for 5 seconds before moving onto the next one. This test will be taken on an iPad. Your child has a Times Table Rockstars login to practise on the mode 'soundcheck'. Please try to encourage them do their times table daily. If you own a tablet, we encourage that your child practices on one as the test will be taken on one. There are lots of interesting things to do on the app, such as earning coins to dress up their rock star avatar and compete on the class leader-board. As a pass mark, we are looking for children to get a score of at least 20/25. Currently, 59% of the class are achieving this! Our class target is 80%.	<u>Daily Reading</u>	Please write in your child's diary each time you read or support in anyway at home. Please get your child to read as much as possible to improve their reading skills.	<u>PE – Tuesday afternoon</u>	<u>P.E has changed to a Tuesday afternoon now for year 4.</u> ALL children must bring their PE kit into school on Tuesdays. Please ensure your child brings this every week so that they are well-equipped for the lesson.
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