Year 4

Curriculum Leaflet

Spring Term Two

Subject	What we will be learning about
Writing	 This half term, the children will learn to write with purpose, to plan, edit and improve their writing. We will write diary entries, setting descriptions, imaginative stories, non-chronological reports and poems. This half term, the children will learn to create characters, settings and plots, to use alliteration and similes effectively, to use connectives that signal time and to use a mixture of simple, compound and complex sentences. Children will also practice spelling and grammar daily.
Reading HARRY DUB DUB DUB DUB DUB DUB DUB DUB	 Our core text this half term is "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" by J K Rowling. We will explore this text as a stimulus for writing and use it to improve some of our skills. Children will also use My Book Blog to demonstrate their understanding of the text so far as well as to aid the reading and understanding of their personal choice of book from our extensive class library.
Maths	 This half term, we will be starting with a topic on fractions and then moving on to time. Children will continue to record their thoughts and ideas of the learning process in their Maths journals. We will also continue to improve our mental maths skills, drawing on our times tables and our division facts. Children will continue working on their artwork with Mr Hall, the artist.
Science	 Through Science, we will be investigating teeth and our digestive system. We will explore how our teeth and digestive system work to get nutrition out of our food so we can survive. We will also look at how energy is passed along food chains. In music lessons, the children will be continuing with Ukulele tuition on Thursday mornings.

PE	 Pupils will continue to participate in swimming lessons every Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has a swimming cap. Should your child be required to wear goggles, a note should be provided to the office. Children will also not be able to swim if wearing stud earrings, so these will need to be removed prior to the session.
RE +†+	 Our focus question is: Why is Jesus inspiring to some people? We will look at the teachings and actions of Jesus and how this has helped Christians, both in the past and present day, make decisions on how to live their life. We will also look at the Easter story and why this is the most important festival in the Christian calendar.
Geography	• Our Geography topic is 'What are the features of a river?'
	 We will explore important vocabulary to describe how a river is formed and its journey. We will also discuss the water cycle and how this links to rivers. Finally, we will discover how humans use rivers.
PSHE	 In PSHE, we will be taking part in Pause Be sessions with Mrs Mitchell. These sessions are to help us try and be more mindful and in the present. We look at different techniques to help us keep our attention, so we can concentrate better and be our best.
French	 During French lessons this half term, the children will be looking at the topic 'animals'. They will use a variety of techniques to help them read, write and speak French centred on the topic.

Home Learning	You can help at home by
Spellings	 Practising my spellings with me. They will be handed out each Friday They will be tested the following Friday
Maths	 Practising my times tables with me Play Hit the Button online Accessing BBC Revise Wise and play games associated with the learning that has taken place in class over the week.

Reading	 Reading with me at least 4 times per week Making sure that I change my book in the class library when I am ready to.
Homework Project	 Checking what the homework project is and when the deadline is. Making sure that I start my research for the project in plenty of time and that I make a start sooner rather than later. Making sure that I bring my project into school by the deadline.