

YEAR 4 Spring Term



Welcome back to the spring term!

We hope that you had a lovely, restful break. Now that we are back, we have lots of wonderful and exciting things lined up for the children over the coming weeks! We also have new additions to the Year 4 team – Miss Chisnall and Miss Scott are now teaching Class 5. We are really looking forward to working together as a team and getting to know all the children more over the upcoming weeks.

Alongside all the fun planned, we are ramping up the enthusiasm for times tables and Times Table Rockstars in preparation for the year 4 multiplication check at the end of the year. More information is to follow in the coming weeks, but we are encouraging the children to access Times Table Rockstars as much as possible at home to help them become more confident and fluent in their children recall of times tables up to 12 x 12.

As always, please do speak to the class teacher with any questions, queries or concerns. We also want to take the time to thank you for your continued support in working with both us and in supporting our lovely Year 4 children.

Miss Chisnall, Miss Scott, Mrs Becousse and Miss Quick 😊

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Other
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Reading: Our latest text for this term is *'Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City'* by Rob Biddulph.

English: We will be reading Peanut Jones and a diary entry during the first half term. This will help us to maintain a viewpoint in our writing as we write from Peanut's point of view. After that, we will be focusing on using effective language within our writing and writing about peculiar creatures, similar to the ones that feature in our text.

Maths: This term in maths, we will be continuing to use our White Rose Scheme. This was introduced at Oakridge from September and this term, Year 4 will be starting off with Multiplication and Division B.

Science: Our next unit is states of matter! We will be discussing solids, liquids and gases and then conducting a few investigations along the course of the topic.

Geography: This unit is called *'Misty Mountain, Winding River'* and the children will be learning all about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world.

Art: This term we will be teaching the children about the techniques that artists use when composing landscape images, such as colour and atmosphere.

DT: Our topic this term is called *'Functional and Fancy Fabrics'* and will be teaching children about home furnishings and the significant designer William Morris. They will learn techniques for decorating fabric, including block printing, hemming and embroidery.

Similar to Autumn Term, homework will be set on Atom Learning. Login details have been sent home previously but please let us know if you need any assistance with this.

Maths: Set every Monday, due in Friday. As mentioned above, the children are also encouraged to be accessing TT Rockstars!

English: set on Wednesdays, due in the following Tuesday.

Reading: The children should also be reading at home at least three times a week and this can then be written in their reading diaries. These will be collected and checked every Monday by the class teacher.

Every week the children will be in a TT Rockstar battle with another class in the school, so participation is strongly encouraged!

Please note that there is no outdoor learning this term and instead the children will need their normal PE kits in all week for two sessions of PE instead.