



## Year 4 newsletter - Spring term

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break! We are really looking forward to a busy term ahead and we cannot wait to see what 2024 will offer. There will be lots of new and exciting learning adventures ahead. Don't forget to tell us about your successes out of school too!

Please make sure that your child is well prepared as the weather is unpredictable at the moment. A water bottle should be in school everyday, along with their book bag and reading book. Please can you name each of these items so that if they are misplaced, they can be safely returned.

**English:** Our English lessons will use engaging visual clips and books to explore settings, character and plot. We will be focussing on spelling, punctuation and grammar to develop our writing. Writing opportunities will include poetry, reports, instructions and developing descriptive narrative. During guided reading, we will be exploring a range of genres where we will be understanding and comprehending texts and identifying the different techniques an author uses to keep us interested in a story.

**Maths:** We will be developing the fluency of both mental and written calculation skills. We will be practising our skills of multiplying using the grid method and short multiplication. We will also be using the bus stop with tokens to divide. Everyone will continue to learn their multiplication tables and be able to recall these quickly.

### **The Wider Curriculum:**

**History:** We are heading back in time to WWII where we will be exploring the impact this had on children's daily lives.

**Geography:** We will be learning about transportation and how this impacts the environment. We will be comparing transport between urban and rural areas and using maps to identify roads.

**Science:** We will be discovering how sound is made and how electricity has impacted our lives.

**Art:** We will be discovering work by Tamara de Lempicka and creating our own self portraits with an Art Deco twist.

**RE:** This term we are learning about Christianity, looking at important symbols and their community.

**DT:** We will learning about shell structures and how to reinforce a frame using different materials. We will require spare cardboard boxes to complete our products.

**ClassDojo** is a platform that teachers use to communicate information about learning. Homework will be distributed every Wednesday and returned the following Tuesday.

**Home Learning** will be handed out on Wednesday and returned the following Tuesday. It is expected that your child will complete 20 minutes of TTRS every week.

**Y4 times table practice:** <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

**PE days:** Year 4 P.E. days are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please ensure you wear your PE kit on your P.E. days. No earrings. Please provide plasters to cover your earrings if they can't be removed. A school jumper or cardigan must be worn.

If you would like a more in-depth overview of what we will be learning this term, it can be found on the Academy website under curriculum.

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