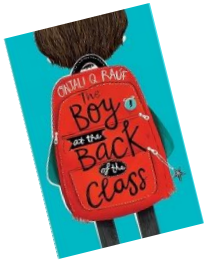


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YEAR 4 – Spring Term 4

Welcome back to Term 4. We are now halfway through the year! We have lots of exciting things planned for this term and hope to get outside as the weather warms up. We have sadly said goodbye to Mrs Davies but welcome Mrs Thompson to the team who is looking forward to teaching Butterfly class.

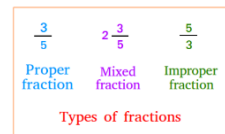
English



In English this term, our reading focus is based on 'The boy at the back of the classroom.' This book will allow children to explore the importance of kindness and friendships. Children will be able to infer and make predictions using their past experiences and emotions. In our writing, we will be writing narratives and taking a closer look at 'Aladdin and the enchanted lamp' by Phillip Pullman. Children will be investigating sentence structures, the use of inverted commas as well as personification. Over the terms, the children have developed a sense of pride towards their handwriting and presentation. We want to continue to encourage this and ensure they are presenting legible work.

Maths

In Maths we will be diving deeper into fractions, exploring mixed numbers and improper fractions. Children will be converting between the two and develop the skill of adding and subtracting fractions. There is a big focus on multiplication and children will be given the opportunity to practise their keyboard skills for the upcoming Multiplication Test in the summer. We have noticed that children tend to forget these so it is crucial that they practise often!



Science

It is British science week this term! To celebrate we will be spending a whole week doing science in the afternoons. This year's theme is time and in year 4, we will be looking at ice and melting over time.



Computing

This term in computing we will be moving away from Purple mash and starting a new computing scheme of learning. Our first topic is all about logos.



Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

We follow the Jigsaw scheme of work. This term, the topic is all about healthy living. We will be looking at what it means to be healthy, physically and mentally. We will be focusing on a healthy lifestyle and talking about things that can negatively affect our health.



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Geography

In geography this term we will be learning all about mountains and how they are formed. We will be looking at mountains across the world discussing their climate and how they effect humans.

DT

In DT this term we will be looking at mechanisms, building on what the children have learnt in year 3. This year the children will be designing and making their own sling shot cars and then testing them out in time trials.



Music

In music this term we will be building on our knowledge of playing and notation from year 3 using the recorder.



Religious Education (R.E.)

In our RE curriculum, we return to focus upon Christianity. We will be looking at forgiveness within the bible through looking at stories where Jesus showed forgiveness including the Easter story.

Physical Education (P.E.)

In P.E. this term we will be focusing on Tennis, building on the skills the children learnt in tennis in year 3.

Important information

Year 4 P.E. is on a **Tuesday(Butterfly class) /Wednesday(Cougar class)** this term. Children should attend school in their P.E. kit on this day.

Homework will be sent home on a **Friday**. This will include maths and spellings. **Please bring the homework in on the following Friday**. As well as this, please read with your child and practise timetables regularly.

All year fours will take part in a government times table check in June and so regular practise will assist them with this. This website is a really useful tool to practise on and is in a similar format to the test: <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

Please do come and speak to your class teacher if you have any concerns,

Many thanks,

Mrs Austin, Mrs Uddin, Mrs Thompson and the year 4 team.

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