

Welcome back to our last term of Year 4!

This term, the children will have myself for Maths and Topic, and Miss Morton and Mrs Berrisford for English. Mr Pavey will teach the class Science, Miss Morton will teach Spanish, Mr Goodman will teach Computing, Mrs Webb and Ms Hart will teach DT, and Mrs Churchill and Mr Bulbeck will teach PE.

Thursday afternoons will be Sport or Forest School, as before.

Subjects

Topic

This week, we have been learning about our first Geography topic: the water cycle. The children learnt about some of the scientific processes that take place during the water cycle and explored the way that water moves between water stores.

After the half-term holiday, our second Geography topic will be: the British coast. During this topic we will focus why people go to the coast and what they do there.

Maths

This term, we will:

- *multiply and divide by 10/100/1000,
- *learn about negative numbers and use them to give temperatures,
- *use measurement facts to convert between different units of measurement,
- *measure and calculate the area and perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes,
- *name and describe 2D and 3D shapes,
- *identify right angles, acute angles and obtuse angles,
- *learn how to use coordinates in the first quadrant,
- *translate shapes on a grid,
- *calculate with money and round amounts of money to the nearest 10p/£1/£10.

We will have a mini-test every two weeks, on a Monday, and a times table test on Fridays. Please continue to practise times tables at home.

Maths Homework will continue as before, with the first practice test sheet coming home on Wed 25th April.

English

Our literacy and language genres for this half term are a historical story called '*Runaways!*' by Jim Eldridge and newspaper articles. We will explore features of historical settings including describing a setting and examine how authors give clues about the characters by *showing* rather than telling. Throughout this unit we will also revise first person and past tense, and standard and non-standard English. Within our newspaper article writing, we will examine the structure and features of articles and entries, and revise the use of paragraphs. In addition we will study synonyms and attention-grabbing language as well as subordinate clauses.

Spelling Homework: New spelling lists for this half term have been stuck in and handed out this week. Please continue to practise these each week and hand in on a Monday for checking. Spelling tests from the end of last term can be found in back of their green spelling books. Please could you revise any misspelt words, underlined in green.

Reading Homework: Children in Year 4 are expected to read at home and have their reading record signed at least five times during the week. Reading records will be checked on Fridays as before.

Science

This half-term, the children will extend their understanding of the water cycle by focusing on the science topic: States of matter, where they will find out about how water and other elements change between solids, liquids and gases.

Next half-term, their Science topic will be: Living things and their habitats.

Children should bring their reading book/record, water bottle and coat to school every day.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Hewitson