

Year 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a new term. I hope everyone is excited for the start of a new year. This term we will be focusing on our main topic called 'Misty Mountain, Winding River'. This will be our core theme throughout all of spring and your children may come home telling you some interesting details about different types of mountains and the parts of a river!

R.E

In RE this term, we will be learning about different religious places of worship.

In this topic we will be learning about the important features of a Gurdwara, and the activities that take place inside a Synagogue.



English

In English this term, we will continue developing our writing skills using expanded noun phrases, a range of subordinating conjunctions, introducing dialogue and a range of sentence openers. As we are covering 'Misty Mountain, Winding River', we will be exploring a text called 'The King of the Cloud Forest'. We will be using this story to write fact files, diary entries and character descriptions. We will continue to develop our editing skills further, as children draft and edit their writing as well as working collaboratively to evaluate their writing style against the genre, we are writing in.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be focusing on our multiplication skills up to 12×12 as we prepare for the statutory Year 4 times table check. This will take place the week beginning **10th June 2024**.

This term, we will also learn how to multiply a 2-digit number with a 1-digit number before progressing onto multiplying 3-digit numbers with a 1-digit number. We will also focus on, how to measure the length and perimeter of shapes.

PE

We will be having PE on a Monday and Wednesday this term.



Children will need to come into school wearing their PE kits (no football shirts/kit will be permitted). Please note that where possible children will participate in PE, and many other lessons outside, a warm coat and appropriate clothing is essential.

Misty Mountain, Winding River

This term we will be studying 'Misty Mountain, Winding River'. This project teaches children about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world, whilst including a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them. We will also be recapping physical and human geographical features and the differences between them. Children will learn about contour lines and the different types of mountains. In Science, children will explore solids, liquids and gases and their characteristic properties. They will observe how materials change state as they are heated and cooled, and learn key terminology associated with these processes. We will then explore grouping living things, known as classification, children will use and create classification keys to identify living things. In Art, Children will learn about the techniques that artists use when composing landscape images, such as colour and atmosphere. They will also study the visual qualities of animals through sketching, printmaking and clay modelling. Finally, in D&T, children will learn techniques for decorating fabric, including block printing, hemming and embroidery and use these skills to design and make a fabric sample - taking inspiration from the work of William Morris.

Homework

Reading books will be sent out twice a week on Mondays and Fridays. Pupils need to bring their reading books back with their reading records signed by an adult who has heard them read. Reading spine books will be sent out every 3 weeks and the children who receive these should fill in the reading journal. Spellings are set weekly and a copy of these will be available to practise with your child in their spelling logs. Children should be accessing their Times Table Rockstars regularly to help them with their multiplications ready for the multiplications check this year. Log in details are found in their reading journals.

If you have any problems or concerns and wish to speak to me, or a member of the Year 4 team, then please contact the school office where we will be able to phone you back. As always, thank you for your support.

Year 4 Staff: Miss Nicklin and Miss Holl.