

# Year 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas holiday, and your child is ready to continue their hard work in their second term in Year 4.

## R.E

In RE this term, our focus is 'Sikhism'. We will learn about how Sikhs use the Gurdwara as a place of worship, explore the importance of the Langar (kitchen) in the Gurdwara and learn about the Sikhs holy book the Guru Granth Sahib. We will also be looking at the Easter Story.



## English

Our English text for this term is King of the Cloud Forests by Michael Morpurgo. Through this text we will be developing our descriptive writing as we explore the vocabulary and figurative language the author uses. We will then have the opportunity to apply these skills through descriptions, diary entries and poetry. This term we also celebrate World Book Day where we will enjoy a text shared across the whole school.

## Maths

In Maths this term, we will be focusing on Multiplication and Division. First, we will learn to multiply a 2-digit number by a 1 digit, then we will progress by learning to multiply a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number. After that, we will learn to divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number and divide numbers with a remainder. Alongside this we will be focussing on consolidating children's quick recall of times table facts to 12x in preparation for the Year 4 multiplication check — TTRockstars is a great way of doing this.

## 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, therefore a warm coat and appropriate clothing is essential.

## Topic

Our cross-curricular theme for this term is 'Misty Mountain, Winding Rivers'. During this topic, children will study different rivers and mountains across the world. Children will learn the process of the water cycle whilst also learning to classify the animals that live on the mountains and in the rivers that we study. In art, children will study landscape exploring the techniques artists use to create atmosphere whilst also experimenting with colour.

## Homework

**Learning Logs**- Each half-term your child will be required to complete three tasks relating to their current topic. These tasks will be sent home at the beginning of each term and completed and returned to school at the end of the half term.

**TTRS & Spelling Shed** — your child should have log on details for these. It is important that they log on regularly, preferably daily to support their times table knowledge and spelling. Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested in school on the following Friday.

**Reading Records** — reading books can be changed on Monday and Friday. We will check reading records on these days and will require a signature in their reading record from a parent or guardian to show that they are reading at home.

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

Best Wishes, Mrs Bibi, Miss O'Sullivan and Mrs Rollason.