

# Year 4 Autumn 2 Term Newsletter

## English

In English this half term we will be continuing with our English construct using quality texts as inspiration for writing. To begin, we will focus on the genre of Sci-Fi. We will be using 'Curiosity-The story of The Mars Rover' to inspire our writing. We will be writing a diary entry from The Mars Rovers' point of view, inventing our own robot and creating a fact file/manual on how to use it.

We will have a SPaG focus each lesson. We will all be taking part in daily reading skills sessions to deepen our comprehension understanding.

Please remember to read for 30 minutes **EVERY NIGHT.** Parents, carers, older siblings and pupils can sign reading record entries – these will be checked daily.

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## Science

We will be focusing on understanding electricity. We will be focussing on the following questions: How is electricity made? How does electricity power things? How do circuits and switches work? What are conductors and insulators of electricity?

We will be conducting a range of interesting investigations and enquiries.

## Maths

This half term we will be deepening our understanding of length and perimeter, using our knowledge of fractions of amounts, addition and subtraction.

We will then move onto strengthening our knowledge of multiplication and division. This will continue into spring term.

We will also have a strong focus on learning and using mathematical vocabulary in an effective way.

## COMPUTING:

We will be focussing on Information Technology. We will be using the application called 'Explain Everything'. It is an easy-to-use design app which allows you to create presentations and educational videos.

## History:

In the first few weeks of the half-term will be finishing our Ancient Greek topic. Focussing on Gods and Goddesses, the Trojan War and how Ancient Greece impacted education.

## Geography:

After we have completed our History topic, we will be moving onto Geography. We will be learning about Rivers and the Water Cycle.

## PSHE:

In PSHE we will be focussing on 'Relationships - Respect for self and others; courteous behaviour; safety; human rights.'

We will be looking into how to show respect to ourselves and those around us, how our behaviour can affect others, our rights and responsibilities, as well as, how to respond to discrimination or exclusion.

## RE:

Year 4 will be discussing the question 'Why are festivals important to religious communities?' We will be exploring Judaism to answer this question.

## Homework:

The Link Learning Grids outline all homework for this half term. These can be found on Google Classroom. Please complete an activity each week and bring these into school once completed. Paper copies have also been sent home with each child.

## Music:

We will be looking at a rap called 'STOP!' The song is about bullying so integrates nicely with our PSHE and general kindness expectations.

## PE:

PE will take place every Wednesday and Friday. This half-term we will be focusing on Handball. Please make sure the full, appropriate (including trainers) PE kits are brought in and left at school.

## Italian:

Children will be consolidating their knowledge of the alphabet, parts of the day and the related greeting, the schools furniture, school subjects. Bingo numbers up to 100. Christmas and decorations.

We hope you find this newsletter useful and if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact school on Class Dojo.  
Thank you Miss Kennedy