

# Year 4 Spring 1 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 Myths and Legends. We will be using 'The Fantastic flying books of Mr Morris Lessmore' to inspire our writing

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 multiplication and division, which is an essential focus in Year 4, this includes identifying multiplication and division facts, as well as, finding effective strategies to solve calculations.

We will then be using our knowledge of length and perimeter to learn about measuring area of shapes.

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

## COMPUTING:

We will be focussing on Computer Science. We will be using the application 'Scratch' to learn about the various forms on inputs and outputs, debugging, programming and algorithms.

## Geography:

In Geography, we will be learning about Rivers and the Water Cycle with the enquiry question 'Why are Rivers so important?' We will first be learning about the water cycle and how this directly links to rivers.

Further into the half-term, we will be learning about the features of a river, rivers around the world, erosion and deposition, as well as how we use rivers in day to day life.

## PSHE:

In PSHE we will be focussing on 'How we can manage our feelings' We will be looking into how to identify our emotions and how to control them when they become overwhelming. As well as, how to access help and advice for when we are feeling a negative emotion.

## RE:

Year 4 will be discussing the question 'What is it like to be a Hindu in Britain today?' We will be exploring Hinduism to answer this question.

## 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.

## 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.

## Italian:

Children will be consolidating their knowledge of the four seasons, months of the year, how to ask and say ages and greeting about birthdays.

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