

# Year 4 Spring 1 Term Newsletter

## English

We will be continuing to use quality texts to inspire our writing this half term.

We will first complete a unit based on historical texts, using 'The Journey to Jo'burg' as our main stimulus.

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**. Children can sign their own reading records but parents/carers are welcome to comment.

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## Science

In Science, we will be spending the first few weeks completing our unit on Electricity, before moving onto Animals including humans.

In this unit, we will be looking at the human digestive system, food chains and the types/functions of our teeth.

## 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 Programming – Repetition of Shapes. We will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns. To do this we will use Logo, a text-based programming language.

## 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 neactive 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 Gymnastics. 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. Please complete an activity each week and bring these into school once completed. Paper copies have been sent home with each child.

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

## 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.