

Year 4 Learning Letter

Hello and welcome to a new term. The final term of the year!

We are thoroughly looking forward to what will hopefully be a much sunnier summer term! Summer 1 was a bit of a wash out - I've never seen so much rain in May - let's hope this final term of the school year brings with it lots of learning, fun, laughter and sunshine!

Year 4 Team

Important information

PE - PE kits must be brought to school and will stay in school until half term. Children should bring a pair of trainers as sessions will be taking place outdoors.

Reading books - New books will be given out on a Monday and returned on a Friday. We will not be able to take returns any sooner as we need to 'quarantine' the books for 72 hours.

Please use Reading Plus, TTRockstars as much as possible this half term - they are great tools to aid learning. If your child is on Nessy or Flash Academy these should be used also.

English

This half term we will be studying the text 'Blue John' by Berlie Doherty. We will use these texts to inspire a letter in role of an expert including an explanation of a cave. We will be using paragraphs to organise our texts and writing verbs in the present and progressive perfect forms. We will be using language to explain how something works and including technical vocabulary.

Please continue to read at home - those that love reading are nearly always the best writers!

Resilient

Maths

This half term, children will be focusing on:

☐ Measurement - Money and Time - We will be consolidating and enhancing our understanding of money and time.

☐ Statistics - We will be learning to interpret and draw charts and line graphs

☐ Geometry - We will be looking at angles and symmetry in 2D shapes and enhancing understanding of the properties of triangles and quadrilaterals.

☐ Number - We will continue to enhance the four major mathematical operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Responsible

Resourceful

PE - Through athletics, the children will focus on solid basic running, jumping and throwing techniques. Children will develop their technical understanding across all areas of athletics. This will culminate in a series of throwing, running, relay and jumping events. The children will aim to better their distances in each lesson.

The children will need their full school PE kit along with a pair of trainers or pumps as we aim to deliver this unit outdoors.

Respectful

Art - Children will be introduced to the history of art and how artists such as Constable and Hokusai developed impressions of the sea, and how modern artists, from Monet's later paintings of water lilies, have used water as a stimulus. They will research images of water and of artists using water as a theme to inspire the children and encourage them to experiment with more abstract ideas and images, investigating the scale of painting both large and small.

Wider Curriculum in Year 4

Science - In science this term we will be learning about Living thing and their Habitats. We will be studying classification, food chains and identification keys for plants and animals.

We will also be having a science day with a learning focus of Sound and how sound works.

Geography - In Geography the children will be learning about the water cycle and defining bodies of water in our locality and the wider area. In culmination, the children will compare a local river to the River Nile to make reference to our History topic from last term. Children will learn that rivers have sources, channels, tributaries and mouths, that they receive water from a wide area and that most flow eventually into a lake or the sea. We will then explore the human effect on rivers.

DT - This term we will be looking at seasonal food from the UK and designing a healthy meal using ingredients that are harvested at this time of year. We will be looking at local produce and discussing the importance of shopping local with a view to reducing our carbon footprint.

Essential work

Practise your spellings. They are given on Mondays and tested on Fridays.

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Practise your times tables. Why not use TT Rockstars?

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Read for 20 minutes each day or night at home. Remember you can use Reading Plus as well as your home reading book, but make sure you sign your reading journals!

Can you practise your keepy-ups? Keep a football off the ground with your feet, knees or head, how many times can you do this is one minute? To make it harder can you use just your feet?

Watch out for a challenge!

Watch a game from Euro 2021. Can you write a review of the game? Set the review out as a full newspaper article including final score, key incidents, and a man of the match.

Pick a team from Euro 2021. Make a collage of its flag. Can you include facts about the nation around the collage?

Pick an animal who is a hunter. Can you create a fact file about the animal? Include on your fact file appearance, habitat, diet (what is its prey?) and any interesting facts.

Go for a summer walk. Take pictures and create summer Pic-collage. Compare your summer collage to the one you created in spring and winter.

Complete a random act of kindness. What did you do? How did it make you feel? How did it make the recipient feel?

