

Year 4 Spring Term Newsletter



Friday 5th January 2024

Dear Parents,

A big welcome back and a Happy New Year to all, I hope you had a lovely break and relaxed over the Christmas holidays. The children and I have settled into Year 4 tremendously. I am so proud of all the hard work they have put in over the Autumn term and look forward to seeing all their growth over the Spring term.

In English this term, we have some very exciting and captivating topics. We will be covering story settings, writing and performing a play, poetry and a persuasion presentation. Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) and comprehension will be taught separately, and as part of our Guided Reading activities, to improve the children's skills in these areas.

It is your child's responsibility to bring their Guided Reading book to school with them every Friday and to have read the next chapter set from the previous week. Your child is also expected to bring their Guided Reading diary on Friday, so that the chapter to be completed at home can be written in. The children will also have time in the library every Friday, so it would be hugely appreciated if you could keep an eye on books being brought home and make sure they are returned to school in good condition. As always, reading should be encouraged at home daily.

In Maths this term, we will be focusing on shapes, symmetry, calculating with decimal numbers, problem solving with decimal numbers, measuring money and calculating with fractions. In class, we will continue to practise our times tables. Please continue to practise with your child at home to reinforce their learning.

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday with the expected hand in date to be the following Wednesday. Spellings will be sent home each Tuesday for a test the following Tuesday. If homework cannot be completed for any reason, please send an email to me via admin.

Dates and upcoming events

13.02.23/ 15.02.24 - Parents evening

08.03.23 - Year 4 Class Assembly (9:15am - 9:45am)

14.03.24 - Year 4 French Café (8:50am - 10:00am)

Date TBC - Year 4 trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor

Here are a few notes about other areas of the curriculum for this term:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Science	State of Matter and Electricity
Computing	Spreadsheets and Writing for different audiences
Geography	Sustainability and The Rainforest
Art	Indian Art
Design and Technology (DT)	Electrical systems
Music	Stop! and Lean On Me (From: Charanga Scheme of Work)
French	At the Café and The Weather
Physical Education (PE)	Swimming, gymnastics, health related fitness
Religious Education (RE)	Christianity, Hinduism and Sikhism (covered over the 3 terms)
Physical, Social and Health Education (PSHE)	Weekly session to discuss PSHE issues and hear feedback from Eco and School Council

P.E will be on a Wednesday. On Thursday, swimming lessons will take place at St. Albans High School for Girls for those who have given consent. Please ensure your child has a swimming hat for their lessons. The last group of the day will finish their lesson at 3:15pm, with an expected arrival at Maple at around 3:30pm (please note that if this applies to your child you will have been sent a separate e-mail). On Wednesday the class will be doing gymnastics inside. Please ensure children are wearing the correct Maple P.E kit. After half term, we will be doing health related fitness which will take place outside. Please provide appropriate warm P.E uniform for outdoor weather.

As always, please get in touch with me to discuss any important issues regarding your child. If you wish to speak me, please do not hesitate to get in touch by sending an email to admin@maple.herts.sch.uk. I will of course be in touch with you as soon as I can make contact, however, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we have staff meetings which may delay responses.

Again, if you have any queries or questions, please get in touch.

Thank you for your time in reading this newsletter. I hope it helps to keep you informed with everything that I have planned this term. Thank you in advance for your support in your child's learning.

On another note, Mrs Mann, Mrs Wooley, Mr Lawrence and Myself would like to give a big, heartfelt thank you to you all for our very generous Christmas presents. It was greatly appreciated!

Best wishes,

Miss Nelson and the Year 4 team