

Year 4 Summer Term 2024

Welcome back from Miss Nelson & the Year 4 Team



Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a wonderful Easter holiday. Wow, we can't believe we are in the last term already! We hope you have had a good rest over the Easter Holiday and you are looking forward to a great term ahead. Below, are a few reminders for this term and an insight into what we will be covering.

Maths:

In Maths this term, we are going to be focusing on four main areas:

1) Multiplication

To use formal written methods for multiplication of two- and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number

2) Division

Divide two and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using a formal written layout

3) Time

Read, write, calculate and convert time on analogue and digital 12-hour and 24-hour clocks

4) Statistics

Interpret and present continuous and discrete data, solve problems using measures

We are also going to continue our regular **Times Tables** Practice in class and we would love you to continue practising at home too - <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/44488> Rockstar Status is achieved when you can answer questions in 3 seconds or under. This is what we are aiming for in Year 4! The Times Table Check will take place within the first two weeks of June.

English:

In English this term, Year 4 are going to be creating their own story, using individual experiences to inspire them. We are then going to spend a couple of weeks looking at discussions through debate. In the next half term there will be a big focus on poetry, followed by explanation texts.

In Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar we are going to continue with our work based on last term's assessments. In addition, we have our weekly guided reading session on Friday, please remind your child to bring in their reading record and guided reading book for the session. Please make sure when your child has read at home, it is also recorded in their reading record. Our Library slot is on a Friday so please make sure books are handed in so they can be returned or renewed.

Spellings will still be set on a Tuesday ready for the test the following Tuesday. This half term, we will be recapping on words learnt throughout the year, alongside the Year 3/4 Statutory Spelling words that the class are expected to know by the end of Year 4.

Science: In Science this term we are going to be learning about Living Things and their Habitats. This will include a lot of observing and really focusing on creating the children's independence skills in thinking about their own experiments and how to show their findings. Thank you for all your support with the Science homework last term on electricity usage, I think the children were shocked by just how reliant we are on electricity!

History: We are very excited to be studying the Ancient Egyptians this term. We will be travelling back more than 5000 years to explore the Ancient Egyptian architecture (pyramids), rituals (mummification), methods of communication (hieroglyphs), culture (Egyptian life, games and pottery), rulers (Pharaohs), burials (Tutankhamun) and their beliefs. We are going to be very busy historians.

Music: We will be following the Charanga scheme to complete a unit on 'Blackbird' by the Beatles and a 'Reflect, Rewind and Replay' unit.

French: We had a wonderful turn out for the French café last term with many thanks to Mrs Zolynski. We will be finishing off our topic on the café before moving onto a French fairytale - 'Boucle d'Or Et Les Trois Ours' (Goldilocks). We will learn to recognize new words in French and learn new strategies as we listen and learn parts of the story.

Computing: This term we are going to be using Purple Mash to have a look at a different coding system called LOGO. On this we aim to create different shapes and patterns and this will involve some de-bugging. After half term we will be doing the Purple Mash coding crash course ready for Year 5.

D&T: Our last D&T topic of the year will be Healthy Eating. We will be looking at how to make sure we have a balanced diet and creating a healthy recipe.

P.E: In P.E this half term, in addition to the daily run, we will be learning: Dodgeball, Athletics, Tennis and Rounders. We will continue to have P.E on a Monday afternoon and a Wednesday morning so please ensure your child comes to school with their P.E clothes. **Reminder: Swimming for group 1 and group 3 will take place the first two weeks back after Easter (18th and 25th April) during those two weeks, we will not have P.E on a Monday. From Monday 29th April, P.E will commence.**

Thank you, for taking the time to read this newsletter. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead. If you ever have any queries please email admin (admin@maple.herts.sch.uk).

Best wishes,

Miss Nelson and the Year 4 team



Quick reminder:

Please make sure your child's school uniform follows the Uniform policy, this can be found on the school website.

All long hair needs to be tied back and hair accessories such as headbands, clips etc. must be plain colours (black, grey, green or red).

As the weather is warming up, please ensure your child has a named water bottle to stay hydrated.