

Year 4 Summer Term 2022

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) Division

Divide Two and Three-digit Numbers by a One-digit Number Using a Formal Written Layout

2) Time

Read, Write, Calculate and Convert Time on Analogue and Digital 12-Hour and 24-Hour Clocks

3) Statistics

Interpret and Present Continuous and Discrete Data, Solve Problems Using Measures

4) Geometry

Angles, Properties of Triangles, Coordinates in the First Quadrant and Position and Direction.

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!

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. There will be daily class Guided reading activities which will include grammar, spelling and reading comprehension activities. In addition, we have our weekly guided reading session with a teacher; like last term we are going to be going through books together as a group and each week a homework task will be set, which could either be a comprehension exercise or a reading exercise.

As part of your child's continuing development, regular reading of a variety of texts at home is extremely beneficial, both individual reading and being read to. In the Year 4 section of the school website you will find a recommended reading list. Library books will also be going out every week.

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.

These are important words to know how to spell. A list can be found here - https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2019/08/29/13/54/08/76f1443d-9b6d-4030-be0d-25fcfef01438/SpellingWordList_Y3-4.pdf

Science: In Science this term we are going to be moving onto Living Things and their Habitats. We are very excited to get everyone investigating as much as possible and developing the children's curiosity. 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 litter picking and recycling. The pictures look fantastic and it's brilliant to see all the pupils' observations.

History/Art: 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 this term!

Music: We will be following the Charanga scheme to complete a unit on 'Blackbird' by the Beatles and a 'Reflect, Rewind and Replay' unit. We are grateful for flexible approaches to make our music learning possible, such as learning to sign, rather than sing, the song 'Blackbird'.

French / Français: We will turn our focus to 'Les Romains' and a familiar story - '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 teaching: Fitness, Hockey, Athletics and Rounders. We will continue to have P.E on a Tuesday afternoon and a Wednesday morning so please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E clothes.

Any more information you would like about the curriculum in Year 4 can be found on the school website.

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).

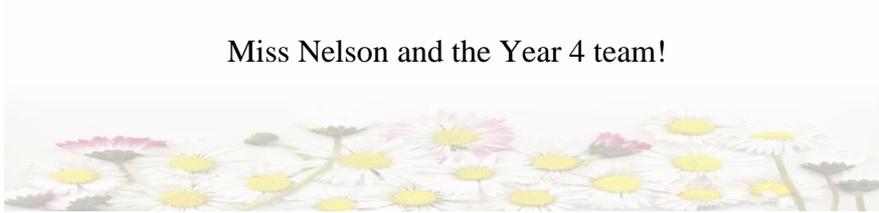
As the weather is warming up, please ensure your child has a water bottle to stay hydrated.

For whole school news and events please go to www.news.maple.herts.sch.uk

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!



HOME STUDY:

Home study tasks will continue to be set on a Friday to be returned on the following Wednesday. It is important that your child hands in completed tasks on time and your help with this is very much appreciated.