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Class 4 Spring 2 2026 Newsletter

Message from class teacher

I hope you had a great break! Somehow, we have already had three half terms this year with three more to go! We're excited for a new term full of learning and fun. There's lots to look forward to, and we can't wait to get started! We have World Book Day, National Science Week, Easter Service, and more to look forward to! Homework will be given out on Wednesday each week. It is due back in by the following Tuesday, which is when we will have a spelling test too. PE kit should be worn on Tuesdays and Thursdays this half term. Our class is swimming on a Thursday at the Leisure Centre, so children should bring in their swimming kit on a Thursday too.

Thank you for your continued support, Mr Morris

~Geography~

In Geography this half term, our work will be on 'Local to Global'. This unit of work will look at trade. We will consider why trade is important, what goods are imported and exported from the UK, and understand what fairtrade is. The children will then consider where products come from before thinking about products in our local area.



~English~

The children have been producing some wonderful writing so far this year. Our English work moves onto the text, 'Granny Came Here on the Empire Windrush'. Having worked on fiction writing last half term, our attention turns to non-fiction. We will be working on writing a factual report on the Windrush Generation. We will be using



conjunctions to contrast (however, although, but, while), and we will use adverbials to add information (Before she turned twenty,... In May 1948,...).

~Commando Joes~

We will continue to focus on Kira Salak this half term. We have learnt how she helped protect mountain gorillas through our missions last half term. The children focused on developing their communication last half term. Our focus will shift to developing our resilience this half term. Learning how to manage and respond to setbacks.



~P.E~

The children will need their PE kit on a Tuesday and Thursday this half term. We will resume our swimming lessons on Thursday afternoon. In school, we are delighted to have an external provider come in to work on dance with the children.



~French~

In French this half term, our work will be about, 'Going Shopping'. In this, we will learn about the shopping experience in France. The children will learn specific vocabulary of fruit, vegetables and clothes. They will learn key phrases for asking the questions needed when going shopping.

~PSHE~

This half term in PSHE, we will initially continue our work on online safety. The children will be considering, 'How do I decide who to trust online?' We will consider who uses the internet and how we can communicate safely and courteously. We will then move onto our physical health. The children will consider what makes a balanced lifestyle. We will think about our teeth and the importance of rest and sleep.

~Computing~

In Computing this half term, the children will consider how and why data is collected over time. Pupils will consider the senses that humans use to experience the environment and how computers can use special input devices to monitor the environment.

~Mathematics~

To begin maths this half term, we will conclude our learning on length and perimeter. Following this, we will begin learning about fractions. Within this, we will understand the concept of a whole. We will then look at counting in fractions beyond one whole. Finally, our fractions work will finish by looking at equivalent fractions and adding or subtracting fractions.

~Design and Technology~

In DT this half term, we will be examining freestanding structures. Our studies will focus on skyscrapers! The children will learn about how tall structures can be made secure using different shapes and techniques. The children will then design and make their own skyscraper using art straws and pipe cleaners. We will evaluate our structures to see if it stands independently and to see how we can strengthen it.

~Science~

This term in our Science lessons, we'll be learning all about sound! The children will explore how sounds are made, how they travel, and why some sounds are louder or quieter than others. We'll investigate vibrations and learn how sound moves through different materials. The children will use scientific language to explain what they discover.

~Music~

In music this term, we will be taking part in the BBC Ten Pieces project, where the children will explore a range of inspiring pieces of classical music and use them as a springboard for creativity. They will listen to and discuss different pieces, learn about the composers and the stories behind the music, and respond in fun and imaginative ways.

~R.E~

This half term in RE, Year 4 will be finding out about Pentecost and asking the question: *For Christians, What was the impact of Pentecost?* We'll explore the story in Acts of the Apostles and learn why Christians call this the beginning of the Church. The children will also think about why Pentecost is still important to Christians today.