

Year 4 Spring Newsletter

English

In English we will be focusing on persuasive writing with the children, looking at writing letters and debating contemporary issues. We will use our Geography topic of India and our RE topic of Hinduism to do some creative writing based on stories from other cultures.

We will also be linking our PSHE with Poetry and creating a range of class debates and role play to inspire us to express our feelings to convert this into poetry.

We will be doing lots of focus on our spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting this term.

PE

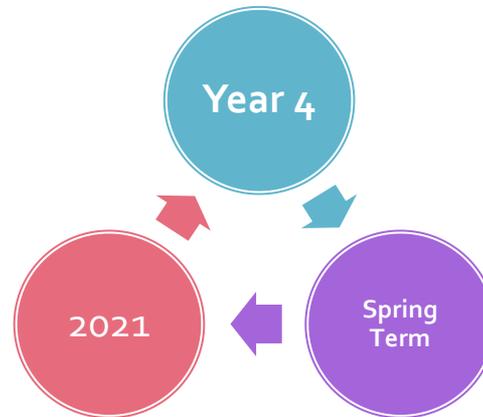
Swimming will begin in the Spring term so please ensure your child brings in a swimming kit to school on Friday. We will also be looking at feelings and emotions and how we can express this through dance. We will also be developing our Tag Rugby skills.

Topic (History/Geography)

This term we will be looking at a country outside of the EU, India. We will be looking at its climate, geography, population and culture as well as art from the region. We will also then begin to compare this with where we live and look at the differences between the two countries.

Science

Our first Science topic is 'Electricity.' Children will be making and recording information about circuits, and investigating conductors and insulators. We will then be focusing on the human body and how it works to process and digest food. We will be using ICT and Apps to explore our digestive systems.



Maths

This term we will focus on:

- Multiplication & Division
- Measurement & Area

We will also be preparing for the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check through class games and the timestable simulator. Knowing their Multiplication and Division facts will also help support their speed and accuracy in all areas of Maths.

Homework

Spellings and alternate English and Maths homework will continue to be sent home on a Friday. Another part of this is their home reading. Children are given time to change their books **every day** in school. Children should be reading 3 times per week at home for 20 mins and get at least a bronze certificate on Mathletics alongside tasks set on Spelling & Maths Shed.

RE: Hinduism: What is it like to be a Hindu in Britain today?

PSHE: Keeping Safe and Managing Risk.

COMPUTING: We Are Statisticians and Repeating Patterns.

Art and DT: This will be linked to our Geography topic on India.

Music: Exploring Descriptive and Rhythmic Sounds.

French: Topics include animals, colours, names, dates, buildings, school subjects, money, families, hobbies and food.