

# Year 4 Juniper and Linden Newsletter Spring 1 2021

Welcome back. We hope that you have had a great Christmas and New Year. It is such a shame that we will not see a lot of you in school but Miss Brindley and Mr Hansen have already started with our home learning. We cannot wait to receive your work and support you from your very own homes!

Just a little reminder that the class emails are:

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## LITERACY

As our topic this half term is 'The Romans', we will be using the book 'The Sewer Demon' to write an adventure story. We will be using an adventure story WAGOLL to adapt and create our own. Grammar is extremely important in our writing, so we will be revisiting conjunctions, adverbials, speech and using adjectives effectively. Later in the term, we will be exploring the Shakespeare story 'Julius Caesar'. We will develop our historical language further and write a non-fiction text - a non-chronological report. Reading regularly is now more important than ever as children will have more spare time indoors. Each week, we will write book reviews to develop our understanding further.

### Key vocabulary:

Subordinating conjunctions, co-ordinating conjunctions, adverbs, adjectives, resolution, dilemma, sub-heading, sections, paragraphs, inverted commas, reporting clause.

## Mathematics

Maths will look a little different this term! We will be using some fantastic videos prepared by White Rose Maths. They will explain all of the slides and invite you to pause the video and have a go at questions or even to have a think about the slides. They will also tell you when to answer questions in the Maths booklets which are available to be picked up from school.

This term, we will be mostly focused on multiplication and division. We will be building upon our skills learnt in Year 3 and moving onto multiplying even larger numbers and using a formal written method.

We will also be encouraging you at home to practice regularly on Times Tables Rockstars to develop your multiplication skills. There are lots of opportunities to challenge yourself and others – even to challenge your teachers!

Key vocabulary: Multiplication, equal groups, lots of, product, division, sharing, grouping



## SCIENCE

This term we will be exploring sound. In class and at home, we will be conducting lots of experiments to help our understanding and to 'work like scientists.' All of the experiments planned will easily be able to be done at home with things that you might be able to find around the house, like glasses of water and pots and pans!

### Key Vocabulary:



Fair test	conclusion
Vibrations	sound source
pitch	volume



# Other Curriculum Areas

PE - Physical activity is incredibly important for our health, especially when we might be at home more than we were before. We will be looking at Dance as an activity, which we hope you will be able to do at home. Also, we would suggest you have a go at the Joe Wicks videos as often as you can to make sure you're keeping fit and active! A simple, socially distanced walk daily is also brilliant for getting your 60 minutes of physical activity each day.

History - Ancient Romans.

PSHE- Empathy, living in a community, respect, compassion, online safety and communication.



## The Bulletin Board

### Things to remember:

#### Everyday:

Reading books  
Practice your times tables  
Spellings  
Go for a walk or some physical activity.

#### For those of your working from home:

You can access the work via the link below  
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software>



## IMPORTANT DATES

05.01.2021 - World Braille Day  
17.01.2021 - World Religion Day  
18.01.2021 - Martin Luther King Day  
25.01.2021 - Burns' Night  
27.01.2021 - Holocaust Memorial Day  
01.02.2021 - Storytelling Week  
WC.01.02.2021 - Children's Mental Health Week  
09.02.2021 - Safer Internet Day  
08.02.2021 & 09.02.2021 - Individual Learning Plan Review Evening  
12.2.21 - School closes  
22.2.21 - School reopens

**Uniform** - Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform if they are in school. At home, it would be a great idea to get children up at normal school time and dressed ready to start their day of home learning.

**Reading** - Year 4 pupils should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day. When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words, using their phonics, and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary. Stop them regularly, to check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know?