Year 4 Juniper and Linden Newsletter Spring 2

Welcome back Year 4, even if it is virtually for many of you. Miss Brindley and Mr. Hansen would just like to say a massive well done to all of you for your tremendous efforts with learning from home. We have thoroughly enjoyed our live lessons and receiving all your amazing work, photos and videos; please keep them coming in. Although we are hoping to get you all back into school very soon, we will begin our fourth term learning from home. This term, we have added more live lessons, more quizzes on Teams and the introduction of Trinity TV! Do not forget to log onto Teams every school day to access all of your lessons. If you need any further support, your class teacher is always available to email or call.

Literacy

We have got an 'utterly delightful' yet 'tear-jerking' novel to base our inspiring and thought-provoking English on. 'The Boy at the Back of the Classroom' by Onjali Q.Raúf will be the basis of our writing this half term.

Year 4 will be changing people's opinions by writing powerful, persuasive letters packed full of emotive language.

Later in the term, we will be getting into role and writing from the perspectives of characters from our book.

Finally, we will be finishing off Term 4 with an explanation text explaining how or why.

Grammatical language, punctuation and spellings will be embedded into all our writing.

Key vocabulary:

Rhetorical questions, noun phrases, exaggeration, paragraphs, explanation, prepositions, determiners

Mathematics

Again, we will be using some fantastic videos prepared by White Rose Maths but this time, live from our classrooms. Your teacher will stream them over Teams and add extra teaching input where necessary. You will also be able to ask questions or ask for more help when needed.

This term will be focused around fractions and introducing decimals. The progression from paper folding and finding two equivalent fractions is explored, before moving onto looking at numerical relationships in a more abstract way.

Year 4 is the beginning of many children's decimal journey. We will be dividing one and two-digit numbers by 10 and 100 and exploring tenths and hundredths in a decimal way.

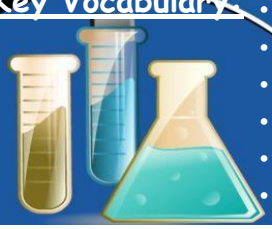
We will again be encouraging you at home to practise regularly on Times Tables Rockstars and Mathletics to develop your multiplication skills.

Key vocabulary: fractions, tenths, half, quatres, denominator, numerator, equivalent, decimals, hundredths, decimal point.

Science

This term we are exploring states of matter. Hopefully, the freezing winter will melt away to the boiling spring! We will build upon our knowledge of solids, liquids, and gases – and look how that affects and drives our water cycle. As we look deeper into freezing, boiling and melting, we will think about how that is used in cooking, and we might even find time to melt some chocolate.

Key Vocabulary:



- Boiling
- Boiling point
- Condensing
- Evaporation
- Freezing
- Freezing point
- Matter
- Melting
- Melting point
- Solid
- State of matter
- Temperature
- Thermometer

Geography – Our topic is 'European Migration'. We will be exploring the fabulous continent that we live in and finding out why so many people have migrated within, and to, Europe over the years.

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 Hockey this half term but if you do not have a stick and ball, grab the equipment you do have and play with your family. There will be plenty of PE for you to follow from Teams but still remember to go for a walk or a run and complete the Trinity TV workouts three times a week.

PSHE- 'Media literacy and digital resilience' and 'money and work'.

The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

Websites needed:

Microsoft Teams (most important):
https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software?ms.url=microsoftteamscom

Accelerated reader
https://ukhosted53.renlearn.co.uk/2250283/Public/RPM/Login/Login.aspx?srcID=s

TT Rockstars:
https://ttrockstars.com/

Nessy:
https://learn.nessy.com/account/login#/accountLogin

Lexia:
https://www.lexiacore5.com/register

Epic Books
www.getepic.com

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IMPORTANT DATES

WC 22.02.21 – Fairtrade Fortnight
WC 01.03.21 – KS1 St. David's Day
WC 01.03.21 – KS2 World Maths Day
04.03.21 – World Book Day/ Drop Everything and Read
WC 08.03.21 – KS2 British Science Week
WC 15.03.21 – KS2 Young Carers' Day
19.03.21 – Comic Relief Day
WC 22.03.21 – KS2 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
WC 29.03.21 – Easter
01.04.21 – School closes
26/27/28.04.21 - Parents' Evenings

Microsoft Teams - Thank you for allowing your child to log onto Microsoft Teams daily and is access their lessons. Please could you check in daily with them to ensure that they are completing all the work set and sending this into their teacher. Just a little reminder that children should minimise how much they comment in the posts section and use this to discuss work only.

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. Use www.getepic.com if you are running out of books at home. Your teacher can give you your class code.