

Year 4 Newsletter Spring 1

Happy new year! We hope you all had a very restful two weeks. Our Year 4 pupils have already begun working exceptionally hard in all areas of the curriculum. We are really proud of the children for putting in a 100% and pushing themselves to achieve their very best. As we move into term 3, we will be continuing to work hard to catch up on work they may have missed over the past two years and push forward to achieving our goals. Please could we ask that children are supported with their homework which is used to consolidate what they have been learning in class.

If you have any questions or concerns about this term, please contact your child's teacher.

Literacy

This term, we will be using the book *Queen of Darkness*, written by Tony Bradman to create our own engaging openings. The children will implement skills learnt from Autumn one such as dialogue, expanded noun phrases and prepositions as well as learning how and when to use paragraphs within our writing.

After our engaging opening, we will move on to writing an explanation text. Like always, we will spend time reading and analysing some good examples to create our very own toolkit. Children will zoom in on fronted adverbials, which add more detail to the sentence, telling us when, where and how the verb is being done.

Key vocabulary:

Boudica, King Prasutagus, Romans, Romanised, Celts, Iceni, roundhouse, fronted adverbials, dialogue, synonyms, information, invention, different, calendar, straight, conquer



Mathematics

This term, our learning will be focused around multiplication and division. We will be building upon our times tables knowledge from last half term and starting to apply this to different mental and written strategies to work out multiplication and division questions.

To support our learning in school, It's really important that you continue to work hard with your times tables at home. You could do this through Times Tables Rock stars or even competitions with your family members!

Key vocabulary:

Product, Factor, multiple, divisor, remainder, commutative, multiplication, division.



SCIENCE

This term, we will be focusing on sound! We will be able to identify different sounds and categorise them based on the five sources of sound. Next, we will focus on how we hear sound. We will explore how vibrations and air molecules are crucial to us being able to hear! Then, we will conduct a range of different science experiments to observe what pitch and volume are and how and why they change.

Key Vocabulary:

Air molecule, vibration, pitch, sound, ear, ear drum, natural and artificial sound, acoustic, electric, frequency, tension, decibel and amplitude.





Other Curriculum Areas

History – Year 4 will learn about how Romanisation caused everyday life in Britain to change. Students will explore the ways in which the Romans ‘Romanised’ Britain. They will be able to describe the changes that the Romans made to Britannia and how this compared to Celtic life. The students will investigate what the local area was like during the Roman era and then delve into the reasons for the Roman withdrawal from Britain.

PE – This half term, Year 4 will be working on basketball. We will focus on our throwing, catching, defending and attacking skills.

PSHE- Our PSHE unit is ‘How can drugs affect our lives?’ This unit of work will explore the meaning of the word drug and how medicine such as Calpol, inhalers and other helpful medicines are still classed as drugs. Children will learn the difference between legal and illegal drugs and the importance of talking to a parent or guardian before taking any form of medicine. After this, we will look at the risks and effects drugs can have on our body.

RE- Our RE topic is based on Islam. We will explore the different Muslim artefacts and how they are used. We will then explore the 5 pillars of Islam and why they are important to Muslims. Children will then analyse the ‘Shahadah’ and write their own statement of belief.

DT: Children are going to build and apply a repertoire of knowledge, understanding and skills in order to design and make high-quality prototypes and products. They will critique, evaluate and test their ideas and products and the work of others.



The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

Homework– out Monday, in Friday.

Spelling test - Friday

Websites needed:

Microsoft Teams:

<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:

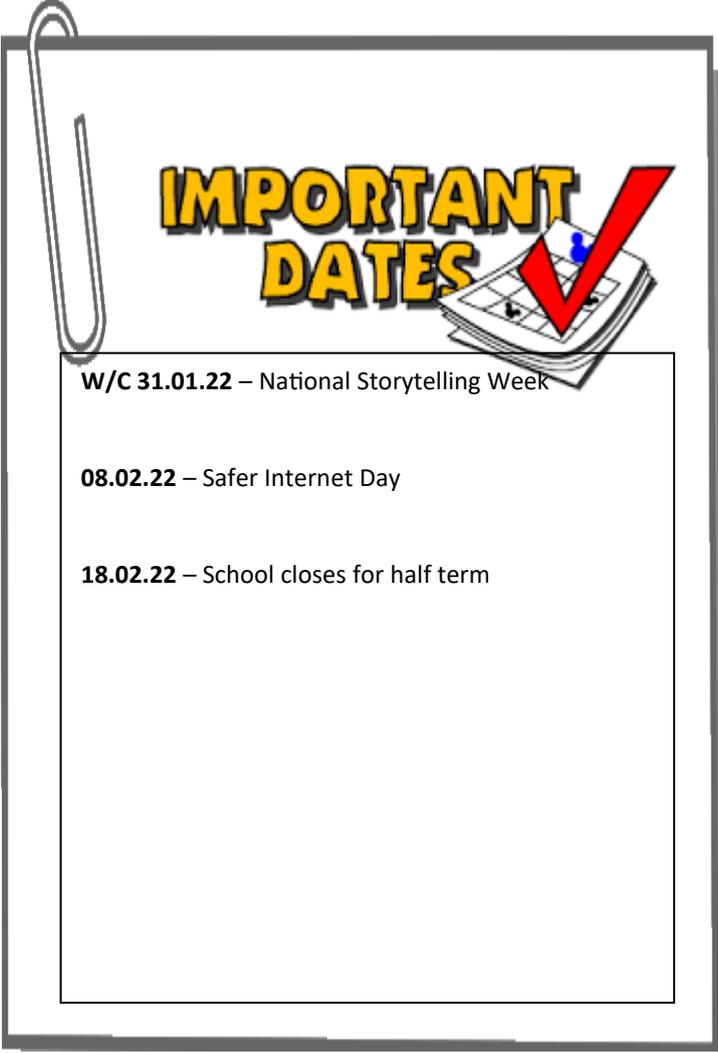
<https://trockstars.com/>

Freckle

<https://student.freckle.com>

PE is on Thursdays

Please ensure children have their kit every week.



IMPORTANT DATES

W/C 31.01.22 – National Storytelling Week

08.02.22 – Safer Internet Day

18.02.22 – School closes for half term