

Year 4 Curriculum Letter – Spring 1

Happy New Year and welcome back everyone!

This term we will be making omelettes as part of our Design and Technology learning and our music unit this half term is called “The Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra”.

We will be learning about the instruments of the orchestra, including what they sound like and how they are organised into families. We will be exploring instruments and creating our own “Theme and Variations”.

Your Year 4 team: Miss Atkinson, Mrs Chowdhury and Mrs Lewis

Weekly timetable

Core = Reading + English + Maths

Monday

Core +

PE (Outside) and Geography

Celebration assembly

Tuesday

Core +

PE (inside) and grammar

Wednesday

Core + RE and PSHE

Thursday

PPA (music, French, handwriting)

Maths, science

Friday

Core + DT

Useful Yr4 Web links

Reading:

[Renaissance - Log In \(renaissance-go.com\)](https://renaissance-go.com)

Maths:

<https://trockstars.com/>

All <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Google Classroom:

Please login using the details you were given.

Key Dates

Tuesday 2nd January - Return to school

Friday 19th January – Year 4 open doors (time to be confirmed)

Monday 29th January - Friday 2nd February - National Story Telling week

Friday 2nd February - INSET Day

Monday 5th February - Friday 9th February - children’s mental health week

Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February - Last Day before Half Term

12th - 16th February - HALF TERM

Spring 1 Learning

English

We will be looking at the following texts:

The Secret Garden

Emergency Zoo

We will be writing a story linked to the Secret Garden and a persuasive letter linked to Emergency Zoo.

Reading

We will be reading Emergency Zoo and focusing on reading with fluency and expression, and practising our key reading skills.

French

In French, we will be learning about the celebration of Epiphany, as well as how to talk about our family and parts of the body.

Maths

We will be learning about:

- Multiplication and Division
- Area of rectilinear shapes
- Fractions

RE

We are looking at the theme of 'Ritual' and Hindu rites of passage.

Music

Our music unit this half term is called "The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra". We will be exploring instruments and listening to different types of orchestral music. At the end of the unit we will create our own "Theme and Variations".

PSHE

We will learn how to protect ourselves online and how to search safely and accurately. We will learn when and how it is ok to use the work of others.

DT

Our topic for DT is food. We will learn about nutrition and the safety around making hot food. We will learn to make sandwiches and omelettes.

Science

We will be exploring the different states of matter and investigating how they can change state. We will be learning about the water cycle.

Geography

We are learning about the world, its hemispheres and continents. We will learn about the equator and what it is like to live there. We will study a European country and compare it to the UK.

PE

Using 'Real PE' the children will be working on skills:

- Dynamic balance & co-ordination
- Gymnastics: Flight & travel