



YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

Spring 2018

Dear parents,

Welcome back after our Christmas holidays. May I say a huge thank you for gifts I received for Christmas. It was so kind of you to think of me. It has been lovely to see the children returning to class looking refreshed, smart and eager to learn!

This letter contains some information about the work our children will be doing during the spring term. I hope you will find it both informative and useful.

There are also reminders about Key Stage 2 routine, with one or two minor adjustments from the Autumn Term.

R.E.

This term we will focus on Lent and Holy Week.



Reading

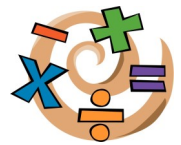
Regular reading is still very important to the children. We will hear each child read at least once each week. When children have finished reading their book, please make sure their reading record is signed by an adult. The children can change their books on any day. Children should also write in their Reading Record any home / library books which they have read.



Literacy

The areas of focus this term are: **Non fiction** Journalistic writing, Being word detectives to investigate spelling patterns and rules. **Fiction**-The Spiderwick Chronicles, exploring fantasy fiction **Poetry** - Exploring poetic form

Grammar- using commas, fronted adverbials and clauses.



Numeracy

This term the children will continue the Singapore maths programme, extending their skills in number work, especially problem solving. There will continue to be a strong focus on learning times tables, as well as understanding fractions of numbers including equivalent fractions. We will also cover time, decimals and percentages throughout the term.

We will be going to swimming lessons on Thursday morning at Codsall Leisure Centre for the whole term. Please make sure that swimming kits are in school on the day. Please remember a donation of £1 per week towards transport would be greatly appreciated.



Science

This term our topics are 'Electricity' and 'Sound'.



Computing

In computing this term we will learn about E- safety and Digital presenter and publisher (photo stories)

Geography

After half term we will be looking countries and continents focussing on America.



America

Art/DT

This term we will be looking at the work of the artist Banksy and building a torch.

Music

Music will continue to be taught by music each Tuesday. The children will begin a new instrument this term



History

Clothing through the ages.



Projects

The children will be asked to complete a project about a famous scientist who worked in the field of electricity. More details to follow.



Fruit and Milk

In KS2, milk can be purchased termly via Parentpay.

The Children are very welcome to bring a piece of fruit or veg- from home if they wish.

Time is given each morning for this snack.

Homework—Key Information:

Homework will consist of a combination of weekly English and Maths , both in books and online. Weekly spellings will also be sent out, which will be tested on a Tuesday. Thanks for your help at home!



Patron Saint

St Philomena is the Patron Saint of Year 4.

St Philomena: pray for us.

REMINDERS

⇒ PLEASE check that all uniform, PE kit, outdoor clothing and bags (including shoes) are clearly labelled with your child's name.

⇒ PLEASE make sure that nail varnish / tattoos are removed. thank you. Mr McGinn

