

Year 4 Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope you had a relaxing Christmas break and you are looking forward to an exciting half term.

Topic

This half term we will continue with our topic of 'Around the World'. Over the next few weeks we will be learning about a number of countries across the globe with a focus on the United Kingdom and other European countries. This links with our narrative writing which will be based on the book Around the World in 80 Days.

Maths

This half term both classes will focus on various areas of maths. We will continue to work on times tables with a particular focus on division. As well as number based mathematics we will also cover time, shape and space, statistics and fractions. If you could support your children with learning to tell the time as well as continuing to practice times tables at home we would very much appreciate it.

Writing

We will be concentrating on narrative writing. The children will be rewriting Around The World in 80 Days and will progress on to changing the ending by making adaptations of their choice. We will then move on to persuasive writing and adverts which links with our study of various countries around the world. In addition, we are lucky enough to have relationships with other schools in Turkey, Belgium, Spain, Portugal and Italy and we will be writing and postcards to the children in those schools.

Spelling

A big focus this half term is spelling. You may remember that we sent home the year 3/4 spelling list at the beginning of the academic year and we would very much like it if you could spend some time looking at a small number of spellings with your child each week. If you require another copy of the list please let us know.

Science

We are very excited that our visit to Ewden Water Treatment Works is a science based trip. During the day, the children will have the opportunity to learn all about the water cycle and where our water comes from. They will also take part in a range of interactive sessions which link to condensation, evaporation and saving and cleaning water. We will continue to learn all about the water cycle in the science lessons that follow.

PE

PE will continue to take place on a Friday. Please be aware that PE sessions will still be outside weather permitting. Therefore, it is important that your child has their kit in school every week.

Drama

We are pleased to be able to say that our external drama teacher will join us again this half term. This will allow the children the opportunity to build upon the skills that they have previously learnt as well as learning new and exciting techniques.

Thank you for your continued support.