

Year 4 Spring 2024

Welcome... Happy New Year! We're back! We hope that you all had a restful, enjoyable Christmas and that your children had a well earned break.

The new term sees us exploring our school grounds, making comparisons with environments different to our own and considering how our actions and choices can have an impact on the world around us. We will be delving into the unknown depths of the Arctic as we discover more about the landscapes, biomes and phenomena of the countries which are part of the Arctic Circle. We will be learning about the explorers of the past and the present as well as the impact of climate change on this fascinating part of the world. Opportunities will include: pond dipping, cooking and many more practical learning experiences. Exciting times ahead!

Curriculum

Project: 'The Arctic: A Disappearing World'

Reading: Journey to Jo'Burg by Beverley Naidoo and Tiny – The Invisible World of Microbes by Nicola Davies

English: During Spring 1 we will be writing persuasive letters with an environmental focus and creating museum plates about the hybrid animals created by the children. Following this, in Spring 2, we will be writing playscripts and writing contrasting poems inspired by Robert Laurence Dunbar and Maya Agelou.

Maths: This term the children will be exploring tenths and hundredths through: interpreting decimals; comparing and ordering decimal fractions; and multiplying, adding and subtracting fractions. In our money unit, we will compare and calculate different measures including pounds and pence. Finally, we will be exploring formal methods for short division and multiplication.

Science: Habitats. We will be classifying living things in different ways; constructing and interpreting food chains and recognising that environmental change can pose dangers to living things.

Art: Ted Harrison inspired Art. The children will be creating different images of the animals and landscape of the Arctic by utilising a variety of different media.

DT: Designing and creating Arctic Grabber prototypes.

Music: The Year 4 pupils are very fortunate to have 'Listen to Me' music lessons throughout the year, led by Hampshire Music Service. This term, the children will be learning the

Finally...

Many of the children are now on their mixed times tables and are working on their recall, at speed. We would recommend the 'sound track' option on Times Tables Rockstars as it replicates the style of questioning and time frames of the check. Keep up the hard work! In addition, further ways to support your child's learning at home is to practice telling the time on both digital and analogue clocks. Please keep encouraging your children to read regularly at home as this is such an important way to support your child's learning. Spellings will continue to be posted every Monday. You can support your child by practising these as well as other words which follow the same pattern or rule. We have been delighted to have the opportunity to begin rewarding the conscientious and precise joined handwriting demonstrated by many of the year 4 children with their pen licences! This means that those children may now use a pen during any writing opportunities. We look forward to giving these out to many more of our children this term.

Y4 Celebration event

In Spring 2, we are delighted to be able to invite the children to a school sleep-over! Inspired by our project learning, the children will complete a variety of Arctic themed activities, have dinner together and sleep on the classroom floors – our very own Berrywood expedition! More information will follow shortly regarding timings of the event and further details.

Weekly Routines

Monday

- New spellings to be added to Google Classroom Spelling test
- Times Tables test
- Indoor PE

Tuesday

- Library
- 'Listen to Me'

Wednesday

- Outdoor PE

Thursday

- Singing Assembly

Friday

- Achievement Assembly

Please ensure your child is provided with tracksuit bottoms and a waterproof coat for PE in case of inclement weather.

Snacks

Please continue to provide your child with a healthy, low packaged snack for morning play. Your child will need to bring a named bottle to school – water only please.

Dates for your Diary...

22.03.24 – LW4, RH4 and MF4

Celebration Event

08.02.24 and 28.03.24 – Market Place

19.02.24 – INSET Day

26.03.24 – Project 'Book Look' 3:15

27.02.24 and 29.02.24 – Parents'

Evening

07/03/2023 – World Book Days (children may dress up for this event)

28.03.24 – Last day of term