

Year 4 Newsletter

Term 3



Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you enjoyed a well deserved Christmas break. We were all so impressed with everyone's attitude and effort last term, and are looking forwards to an exciting new term with lots of new learning opportunities with our topic, 'How can we save our oceans?'

During this term, we will be focusing our learning around the oceans of the world and how the lives we lead are affecting the oceans and their inhabitants. We will look at the layers of the ocean, and will focus more in depth on plastic pollution, the impact it has, and what we can do about it.

We will also be using our topic to inspire our artwork this term, creating ocean seascapes and scenery.

We have also got our school trip to look forward to this term, and we are very excited to use the opportunities this will provide us with to deepen our learning and understanding of our world.



Times tables



All of the children have worked really hard on their times tables knowledge last term, and we hope to carry that success on as we now build up to developing children's fluency at the Multiplication Tables Check speed. It is so important that your child logs in to **Times Tables Rockstars** at www.play.ttrockstars.com. This will help your children regularly practice their times tables, and allow us to keep track of your child's progress so we can continue to support them in school. Even a short ten minute practice

three times a week can have a really big impact. It would be wonderful to see more of the children's heatmaps turn green this term!

Reading

Each child has the opportunity to access the library and choose a book every week. These reading books should be brought home each day and brought back the following morning. Your child's reading needs to be recorded and signed in their reading records daily to show that they have read to an adult. Once a book has been read, the child can come and do a reading quiz at school. If they score 60% or more then the number of words in that book counts towards their word count. The Year 4 target is 50 000 words. We have quite a few children who are getting close to their target - keep reading! Don't forget, use www.arbookfind.co.uk to check any home books that your child has read - if it is the right level then they can bring the code to school to complete the quiz.



Please try to listen to your child read as often as you can, it makes a huge difference not only to their confidence, but their reading and writing too.

PE Days



PE days will still be on a Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor). Please remember your child should come in to school wearing their PE kit on PE days. Earrings should be removed for PE days and long hair tied back. If your child is unable to take part in PE for any reason, they will be given a coaching role.

Homework

Well done to all of the children who completed topic homework last term, it was wonderful to see what they found out and how creative they can be. We look forward to seeing what they create this term. English and Maths homework will continue to be handed out on a Friday to be returned the following Wednesday and will be linked to the children's learning that week.



If you have any questions or concerns please contact us, either through Dojo or by contacting the school office.

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