

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 looking closely at the documentary 'Blue Planet 2'

narrated by Sir David

Attenborough, as it links very closely with the themes of our topic, and highlights the important message of protecting our oceans across the globe. 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 forwards 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.

Reading

Each child has the opportunity to go to 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.

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.

Contact Diaries

Contact diaries are used to send messages and reminders home. They should be signed by an adult and returned to class on a daily basis. The class teacher or teaching assistant will check the contents daily.

PE Days

PE days will still be on a Wednesday (Indoor PE) and Thursday (Outdoor PE). 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.



Mr Shelley, Miss Tillett, Mrs Wright, and Mrs Newberry.