

Year 4 Newsletter –



Spring Term



What we will be learning about this term:

English – We will be writing our own versions of the stories “The Dream Giver” and “Farther.” We will be continuing to focus on joining our handwriting and keeping it consistent and neat. We will be focusing on our spellings too.

Reading – We will be focusing on developing our fluency and doing close reads of texts, thinking about the writer’s intent and what devices the writer uses. We will be reading the books, “The Iron Man,” “The Firework Maker’s Daughter” by Philip Pullman and “The Butterfly Lion” by Michael Morpurgo.

Maths – We will be learning how to multiply using the column method and divide using the bus stop method. We will learn about length and perimeter. We then will move on to learning about adding and subtracting fractions and decimals.

Science – We will start the term by using different types of investigation to answer more complex questions, making careful and systematic observations. We will be learning about the life cycle of flowering plants as well as making food chains using predators, producers and prey. We will discover how sound is created and the strength of vibrations. We will compare how things move on different surfaces and investigate thermal conductivity.

Art – We will be studying the paintings of the painter Turner. We will be practising making primary, secondary and tertiary colours and creating tints, tones and shades to create atmosphere in our paintings.

Design and Technology – We will be designing and cooking our own pizzas. We will also be exploring different types of stitching.

History – We will be learning about the Olympics of Ancient Greece – the role Zeus played in the games and what happened at the battle of Marathon.

Geography – We will be learning about food distribution in Europe and our carbon footprint.

PSHE – We will be learning about health and wellbeing including our mental health, physical health, healthy living and diet.

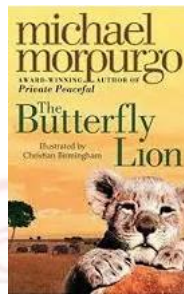
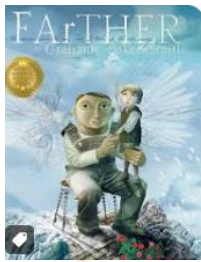
RE – We will be learning about the concepts of Peace and Identity. We will look specifically at The Buddha Rupa and the Jewish faith.

Computing – We will be learning about photo editing and data logging. We will be exploring how data is collected over time. We will present and explain data that we collect.

Music – We will be learning to recognise the symbols for minims, crochets and semibreves and how many beats each represent.

PE - Our sports coaches will be teaching us the skills involved in Basketball such as passing and defending.

Spanish - We will be learning the nouns for family members as well as learning to count to 100.



This term's home-learning:

- Please can the children keep practicing their times tables. There will be a multiplication check at the end of the year. Using TTRS is best for this as it is very similar to the test they take.
- Please can the children also keep doing their spelling practice on the app "Emile" and practice for their spelling test each week, playing the games using the game codes we send home each week.
- Keep reading your library books and bring them in to be changed – we go to the library weekly.

Key Dates:

- Rights Respecting School whole school themed mornings – the first one is on Wednesday 22nd January and is about our outright campaigning.
- Monday 17th March – Friday 4th April: swimming lessons for Year 4 at Bitterne Leisure Centre (information to follow). Volunteers needed to help walk the children there – please speak to your class teacher.