

# 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 Journey,” “Malala’s Magic Pencil” and “The Butterfly Lion” by Michael Morpurgo.

**Maths** – We will be learning how to calculate with multiplication and division, fractions, time, decimals and area and perimeter.

**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 animals including teeth including the functions and types of teeth and the digestive system.

**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 making and designing mechanical cars that use different movements.

**History** – We will be learning about the education throughout the ages focusing on the Victorian era and Greek, comparing to modern day school.

**Geography** – We will be learning about Climate zones.

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

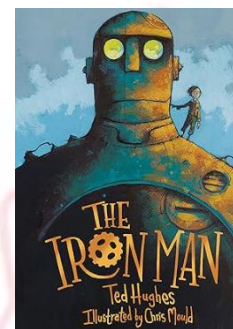
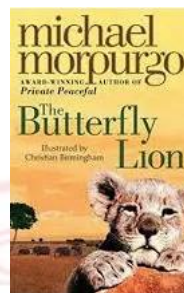
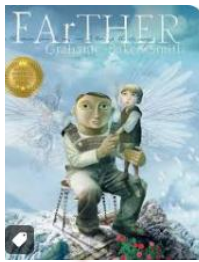
**RE** – We will be learning about the concepts of Peace and Identity. We will look specifically at The Buddha Rupa and the Jewish faith.

**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 how to use body percussions to make the sounds of a rainforest using tempo and rhythm.

**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:**

- Swimming starts the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> February