



Monday 24th January 2022

Year 4 Spring Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas with your families. We have been back to school for just over two weeks now and it's like we've never been away. The children have been working hard and enjoying our new learning focuses.

In English, we are learning about John Lyons and analysing his poetry. We will then be moving on to a unit all about chocolate making! In Maths, we are learning to multiply and divide using the formal written methods before moving onto area, fractions and decimals. In Geography, we are continuing our work on Rivers and after half-term we will be exploring electricity in our Science lessons. Our new PE unit is gymnastics and dance and the children have loved exploring the indoor apparatus and wall bars.

There has been a slight change to our PE days. Hedgehog will have PE with Mrs B on a Monday and Badger will have it with her on a Wednesday. Both classes will have PE on a Thursday with their class teachers too. It is important that the children have their kit in school at all times and that it is suitable for the colder weather. Some of our sessions will be indoors, so can we please ask that the children have a pair of plimsolls or clean trainers for indoor use only.

Please can we ask that all children bring a hooded coat to school. They go out to play in all weathers, so it is important that they can keep warm and dry.

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday and due in on a Wednesday. Reading Records will also be handed in on a Wednesday to be checked. Listening to your child read at home is a fantastic way to support them in their development and we would like their records to be signed at least four times a week please. Children will be rewarded with merits and gems for achieving this.

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday. The day they are tested on will change from week to week, but the children will have plenty of time to practise and the day of the test will be given at the top of their spelling list. At the end of Year 4, the children will sit a Multiplication Check which is a national test. The expectation is that they know all their times tables up to 12x12. We will be doing lots of multiplication work at school, but any extra practise at home will make a huge difference. Some useful online games can be found on Purple Mash and at <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

As always, if you have any queries about your child's learning, please speak to their class teacher.

Kind Regards,
Miss Buckett, Miss Palmer, Mrs Latham and Mrs Wilkins