

Year 4
Spring 1 Newsletter

Maths

This half-term, we will be looking at multiplication and division. This will include formal methods for both calculations. We will then be moving onto fractions.

To continue developing our Times Tables knowledge, we will be asking the children to learn all times tables facts – including multiplication and division facts. In school, this will be through daily practise and a weekly times table focus.

English

During our English lessons, the children will be learning how to write a diary, building on their skills from previous years. We will also be writing a discussion text. The two genres we are focusing on will link to our Big Ideas.

Reading

For the rest of the year, we are asking that children bring in their reading record and home reading book **every day**. This is so that we can read consistently with children in school and so that if a book is finished, a new one can be chosen straight away. In addition to this, all children will be able to choose and borrow a reading for pleasure book from the amazing selection in our school Library.

The Year 4 Team:

Miss Gilligan, Mrs Gould, Miss Hawley,
Mrs Bradley,
Mrs Elliott and Mrs Weston.

Big Idea

We will be looking at two Big Ideas this half term. Our first Big Idea involves us exploring the ancient Mayan civilization. In the second, we will be learning about Australia.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a **Tuesday** and is to be handed in the following **Monday**, unless otherwise specified.

Spellings will also be given on a **Thursday**; the children will be tested on the specific rule the following **Thursday**.

We encourage children to practise their spellings and times tables at home too and will be making time each half term to have a celebration of all the children's homework and projects.

PE

Our PE lessons will be on a **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** afternoon. Please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing in school for all weathers.

We also remind you that earrings must be removed for PE (covering with tape will not be allowed).

We will be playing Netball and Football this half term.