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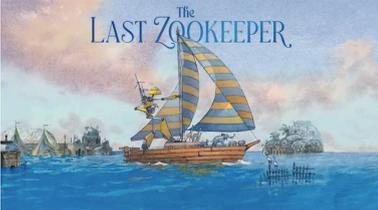
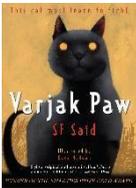
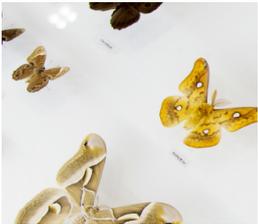
CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Welcome back!

Hopefully, you enjoyed your half term and are raring to go!

We are now past the halfway point of the school year and have lots of interesting topics lined up to learn about. This is a slightly shorter term as we head into Easter, but no less busy and action-packed than usual. Please make sure to keep checking our school website for weekly updates on what we've been up to.

Year 4

English	Reading	Maths
		
<p>In English, we will be linking our learning to key stories we read. We are going to be taking on a slightly longer writing unit this term, focused on the book 'The Last Zoo Keeper'. Creativity and descriptive techniques will be a significant focus for us as we use this wordless book as our stimulus for this part of the Spring term.</p>	<p>We will continue accessing a range of Little Wandle Fluency books to build up our reading stamina, speed, fluency and prosody. We are also starting to include more challenging comprehension questions in our lessons. Our main chapter book that we will be reading as a class is 'Varjak Paw' by S. F. Said.</p>	<p>We will be continuing to develop our knowledge of general arithmetic methods, alongside our main units. This term, these are Fractions and Decimals. Our fractions unit will introduce us to both improper and mixed numbers, and our decimals unit will be mainly understanding what they are and what they mean.</p>
Science	Geography	DT
		
<p>Our science topic this half term is called 'Grouping and Classifying'. We will be thinking about the types of classifications; using flow charts and classification keys to help us make decisions; learning about the common features of various classifications of animals and also using what we learn to help classify new scientific discoveries!</p>	<p>We are very excited to continue our new Geography topic - 'Misty Mountain, Winding River'. This topic will allow us to explore a range of physical features such as bodies of water and various types of mountains. We will also be investigating the water cycle and what this is. We will use our Geographical skills such as grid references to help us during the unit.</p>	<p>This DT unit is called 'Functional and fancy fabrics'. We will be learning about the history behind printed fabrics, with the goal of making our own William Morris-inspired printed fabric at the end of this unit. We will use a range of equipment to do this, such as wooden print blocks, rollers, inks and other means of embellishment for our own fancy fabrics.</p>

Music	Art	PSHE
		
<p>This half term, Mrs Brittain's music unit will help us to learn more about haikus and how these are performed. We will listen to a range of songs to help us understand what this looks like in different contexts.</p>	<p>This half term, our art focus will be on Warm and Cool Colours. We will be continuing our work from earlier in the year to consider how artists choose colours to create emotions and meaning in a range of mediums.</p>	<p>Our PSHE topic, Healthy Me, is all about the choices we make for ourselves that contribute to both our physical and mental wellbeing. We will have lots of discussions about what it means to be healthy.</p>
Computing	R.E	French
		
<p>In computing, we will be looking at HTML coding. Throughout the unit, we will look to gain an understanding of what HTML is and some of the similarities and differences between HTML and the coding we have done before.</p>	<p>Our RE topic this half term is about Passover. We will be learning about what this is and how it is celebrated. We will be linking our learning of Passover to our key concept of freedom and what this means to us and others.</p>	<p>In French, our unit is called 'En classe'. We will interact with a range of new vocabulary that we can use to talk about what we have in the classroom and also use conjunctions to join together ideas in French sentences.</p>

<p>Every week, the children have a P.E session with our sports coaches, Coach Jordan, Coach James, Coach Charlotte and Coach Grace. During the autumn and summer term, one of these sessions is held in our outdoor learning area and the children are taught important skills such as teamwork, communication and strategic thinking.</p>  <p>This half term, the children will be focussing on lacrosse.</p>	<p>P.E kit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ White t-shirt ✓ Black or navy jogging bottoms (winter) ✓ Black or navy shorts (summer) ✓ Plain dark coloured hoodie or sweatshirt ✓ Plimsolls (for indoor P.E) ✓ Trainers ✓ Hair tied back ✓ Earrings out ✓ Waterproof trousers (for outdoor learning) ✓ Wellies
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Coming up...



Home Learning



Monday 2nd March and Wednesday 4th March - Parents Evening

Please book in directly via Arbor for a meeting with your child's class teacher.

Friday 6th March - World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, we will have some exciting activities planned and ask that children come in dressed as a character from a book. More details to follow.

Friday 27th March - Last day of term, 2:30pm finish

Arbor:

Please check Arbor messages and emails for these events and others that arise throughout the half term.

Maths homework:

For their Maths homework, we would like to ask the children to play on Times Table Rockstars to help with their times table knowledge. We would like them to complete at least 5 soundcheck games at home per week.

There are Maths tasks available on Atom Learning but these are **optional**.

English homework:

English homework is set on Atom Learning every Wednesday and due on Tuesday, based on topics that we are learning about within our English or Reading lessons.

Reading diaries:

The children are encouraged to read at least 3 times per week and record this in their reading diary. Reading diaries are due on Mondays. If a child has not read that week, they will be asked to go to the reading hut on Wednesday or Thursday that week to give them the opportunity to read.

Contact us



How can you help?



If there is anything you wish to discuss with us regarding the information in this newsletter, or if you have any further queries or concerns regarding your child's experience at school, please do not hesitate to get in touch:

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At the beginning of June, the children will be partaking in the statutory **Year 4 multiplication tables check**. The test is designed to check the knowledge and recall speed of times tables up to 12x12. With this in mind, please ensure that children are practising their times tables as much as possible at home. We will continue to be practising this in school with the children too!

Please continue to spark the children's interest with our **current topics** by discussing, researching and reading around this topic with the children.

We encourage children to have their **PE kit** in school from Monday to Friday in case of any changes within the school timetable. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school so that the children can fully experience their PE lessons.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to an excellent year together!
The Year 4 Team