

YEAR 4

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING THIS HALF TERM...



William Grill
FLYING EYE BOOKS

**Literacy**

This half term, Year 4's literacy sessions will focus around the non-fiction book 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill, where we will learn about Ernest Shackleton's landmark expedition crossing the Antarctic from one pole to the other.

Our main areas of writing will be:

- Interviews focusing on punctuating dialogue
- Setting descriptions
- Newspaper report writing.

During our reading lessons, we will begin reading and discussing the poetry book, 'Poems from the Green and Blue planet' created by Sabrina Mahfouz.

Numeracy

Our main areas of study for this half term will be:-

- Angles
- Shape
- Statistics

In June, your child will take part in the national multiplication test. Therefore it is extremely important that they are practising their times tables, specifically focusing on any time table they do not feel confident with. I would appreciate any help you could offer your child ahead of this test.

Science

In Science, we will continue our unit 'Electrical Circuits and Conductors'. We will continue to deepen our knowledge about conductive materials and creating our own circuits. Children will be applying their skills to practical and interesting investigations to help develop their learning within Science.

RE/PSHE

In R.E. we will be focusing on the question, 'How and why do believers show their commitments during the Journey of Life?'

In our PSHE lessons, we will be learning about how our bodies change as we get older through our unit 'Changing Me'.

Music

In Music we will continue to learn how to play the violin in preparation for their performance at the Connexin Arena on 10th July.

Computing

In computing we will continue learning about the various ways we can log data. We will also continue to learn about how to be safe online,

Art/DT

We will be continuing our Art unit called 'Animal', and our DT unit 'Functional and Fancy Fabric'. Children will be involved in practical activities wherever possible.

History/Geography

This half term we will continue learning about our History unit called 'What was Britain like during Tudor times?' where we will learn about the Tudor monarchs and how life was different to ours during this era. In Geography, we will also be continuing our new unit of 'Mountains' focusing on the Himalayan mountains. We will use photos, maps, sources and technology to research and develop our knowledge about the units.

PE

Lessons will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt as well as trainers as our lessons will be outdoors wherever possible, Long hair must be tied up and earrings must be removed or covered using tape.

Home Reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home on a daily basis. They should be encouraged to read a few pages or a chapter every night. Please discuss with your child what they have read before signing their reading record. Books should be brought to school every day but must be returned on a Tuesday and a Friday so we can change their books.

All children are entered into the class reading challenge where they need to read at least 5 times a week.

Homework/Spellings

Homework will be set on Mondays. Children will have a week to return their completed homework.

Please come and see Mrs Hunter at the end of the day if you have any questions or concerns, or contact the school office if it is urgent.