

Year 4 Newsletter

Summer 1 2020/21



ENGAGE

INSPIRE

EMPOWER

IMPORTANT DATES

Welcome back. It's hard to believe that we are now in the final term of the school year. The children have made a fantastic start back at school and we have a busy and exciting timetable ahead of us this half-term.

Our topic this term is:

REIGN OVER US



During this topic the children will:

- Begin to know and understand the history of Britain as a chronological narrative, from the earliest times to the present day.
- Think carefully about how people's lives have shaped their country and how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world.
- Begin to understand such abstract terms as 'empire', 'civilisation', and 'parliament'.
- Create a timeline showing all the rulers from 1066 till the present day on shields to display in class.

- **Friday 30th April**—Whole Class Photos
- **Monday 3rd May**—Bank Holiday
- **Thursday 6th May**—Polling Day (*School closed but learning will continue via Google Classroom*)
- **Tuesday 11th May**—Pedestrian Training
- **Thursday 20th May**—POWER Project Hand In
- **Friday 28th May**—Children break up for half-term.

Homework

Our POWER Project for this half term is on Google Classroom as well as some ideas which we came up with as a whole class. If you require a paper copy of the project, please get in touch.

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Our weekly spelling test will continue to take place on Mondays.

The Year 4 Team:

Lilac Class Teacher: Ashleigh Endacott

Maple Class Teacher: Peter Rutherford

PPA Teachers: Ruth Deer and Nursel Deniz

Support Staff: Fatima, and Wendy

Maths

Mathematical Development

Please see below for a week by week overview of the maths areas that we will be covering this half term:

Week 1– **Place Value**—Comparing and ordering 4-digit numbers

Week 2– **Fractions**—Dividing numbers by 10 and 100

Week 3 - **Fractions**—Count up and down in hundredths.

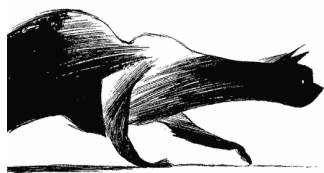
Week 4 - **Measures**—Converting between different units of measure

Week 5 - **Geometry, Position and Direction**—Grid co-ordinates.

Week 6– **Fractions**—Recognising decimal equivalents of tenths and hundredths.

English

Our literacy lessons this half-term will focus on the text Varjak Paw by SF Said.



We started reading this story last half-term and the children are really enjoying it. On Tuesday 27th April we will be having a live Q&A session with the author.

We will continue to have daily reading lessons in which we will be focusing on different reading skills.

We also have a dedicated Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling lesson each week.

Science

Our Science topic for this half-term is Electricity. The children will investigate which materials conduct electricity, how switches work and how to make simple circuits.



History

Our topic this half term is called Reign Over Us. In these lessons we will be learning about and understanding the history of Britain in chronological order from 1066 to the present day. The children will be learning about notable British rulers, considering how their lives have influenced our history and the wider world.

Art/DT

Over the next few weeks we will be working on a design project investigating biomimicry. The children will be learning about how inventors have been inspired by nature and will be coming up with their own ideas for inventions based on the natural world.

PE



This half term in PE, the children will be learning the skills to play basketball.

This will take place outdoors in our multipurpose sports pitch.

Please make sure your child wears the correct PE kit to school on their PE day.

Lilac—Thursdays

Maple—Fridays