

Bassetts Farm Primary School

Year 4 - Spring Term 2017 (1st half)



Happy New Year and Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. This half term our learning journey is 'Food, Glorious Food' and here is an overview of our learning.

Dates	Character Strengths	We will be learning about:
1/1/18	Thankfulness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In English, the children will be learning about performance poetry and looking at the features of different types of poems. This will help them towards the Year 4 Poetry Alive Show. The children will be learning about what sustainability means in geography and looking at images that will be showing high and low sustainability that they will sort. <u>Tastebud Friday is on January 5th.</u> Please bring in an interesting food we could taste in class. No nuts or nut products please.
8/1/18	Thankfulness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This week, in geography, the children will be using different research skills and mapping skills to develop their understanding of what the local landscape looks like and how it has been made more sustainable. While looking at sustainability, they will be learning about renewable sources of energy. Children will be looking at different features of a non-chronological report and how they can use these when writing.
15/1/18	Thankfulness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In English, the children will be spending time learning and practising many grammar skills and developing their vocabulary. They will also be working on their performance poetry skills throughout the week. In geography, the children will locate countries around the world and research how sustainable energy can change the lives of people living in different places.
22/1/18	Wisdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In design and technology, the children will be learning about healthy and balanced diets and also developing an understanding of where and how foods are grown, reared, caught and processed. This will link to their learning of sustainability in geography. In English, the children will be reading and learning the story 'The Mountain Dragon' by Michael Morpurgo. They will be discussing the text and the different language within the text.
29/1/18	Wisdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In D&T, the children will be applying their understanding of healthy and sustainable foods to create their own meal. They will be then voting as a class and making and taste evaluating the winning dish throughout the week. This week is also the week where Year four will perform the 'Poetry Alive Show'. They will have been practicing for this throughout the week and also as part of their home learning. We look forward to seeing you there. In English, The children will be writing their version of 'Mimi and the Mountain Dragon' by using all their writing skills they have developed.
5/2/18 Chinese New Year Week	Gratitude	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During this enrichment week, we will learn how the Chinese New Year is celebrated and experiencing Chinese music, art, dance and food. Monday 5th February at 9am - Happy Hour - Please come and join your child in class to have some fun linked to Chinese New Year. In English, the children will be writing their own story based on 'Mimi and the Mountain Dragon' linked to Chinese dragons.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throughout this half term, in Science, the children will be learning all about the digestive system. Throughout the term in maths, children will continue to develop a range of maths skills such as decimals, measure, data handling and shape and space. 		

Year 4 Home Learning

Your child can hand it in early if they wish. If your child does not hand in their home learning on time, or their times table check sheet (signed and dated), then they will miss 5 minutes of their play to practise their tables or complete their home learning. This is consistent across all classes. Please look at the Home Learning agreement in the front of their English Home Learning book for expectations.

Subject	Goes out	Due in	Frequency
English <small>(Read, Talk, Write)</small>	Friday	Wednesday	Weekly
Spelling <small>(Words to learn or activity)</small>	Friday	Wednesday (Test Every Wednesday)	Weekly
Times Tables	Friday	Wednesday (Test Every Wednesday)	Weekly
Maths <small>(Family scrapbook or mental maths)</small>	Friday	Wednesday	Weekly
Reading	Books can be changed daily and reading records will be checked regularly. Golden key stickers will be given to regular readers. Each child should read daily and when on Citron or Ebony should still read with an adult at least once a week.		

Reminders

Snack money 	Snack money - please pay for this by cheque only and for a whole half term. We have shown the amount due for each half term, you can pay for just the first half term or all if you would like. Jan 2nd - Feb 9th £8.70 Feb 19th - Mar 29th £8.70. Please make cheques payable to DCC.
Lunch 	Year 4 can choose between hot meal, vegetarian meal, jacket potato or a sandwich. Please see the school website for the menu. You can send a packed lunch if you prefer (please see the packed lunch policy on the school website). Cost £2.20, please pay using School Money
Uniform 	Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name. School shoes should be plain black Long hair should be tied back, using small white, black or blue bands.
PE kit 	T-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms and trainers needed.
Drinks 	We recommend that your child brings a named bottle of water to school every day.
Each morning, a member of staff will greet your child at the door. Please pass on any messages to them, or write us a note, especially regarding any changes in who is picking them up at the end of the day or if they are allowed to walk around to KS1 playground without an adult. If you would like your child to walk home without an adult, a note must be provided. If someone is picking your child up at the end of the day and a message has not been passed on at the door in the morning, please telephone the school on 01395 275968 in exceptional circumstances. We will continue to supervise the collection of your child each afternoon.	

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS HALF TERM:

Wednesday 31st January: Year 4 Poetry Alive Show-
Afternoon performance 2pm
Evening performance 6pm
(Letter to follow about tickets and timings)

Monday 5th February: Happy Hour at 9am in classes

If you are able to support our learning with resources or would like to help in class, please let a member of staff know. We value your involvement in your child's education.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jennings, Mrs Reed and Mrs Stuart.