

KS2 Summer 1 Newsletter 2024

Our topic this half term is 'Italy.'

English



This half term we will be studying narrative texts. We will concentrate on using features such as onomatopoeia, repetition, dialogue, alliteration and personification.

Enjoy reading a story to your child at bedtime!



Maths



In year 3, this term the children will continue to learn their times tables. We will also study different units of measurement, calculating mass and capacity. We will study fractions of shapes and amounts and addition of fractions.

The children in year 4 will be working on decimals. The children will be writing and representing decimals, comparing, ordering and rounding decimals and learning the decimal equivalents of fractions. We will then relate this to money and the children will be writing money in pounds and pence, ordering, adding and subtracting amounts of money.



Count in steps of 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10's with your child.

Use Purple mash and TT Rockstars to play games focusing on money, data, multiplication and division.

Science



Our science topic for this half term is STEM Investigations. We will be undertaking a variety of investigations and experiments based on topics we have already covered this year. This is to give the children a more hands on, practical approach to learning.



See if the children can set up their own experiments at home. What did they investigate, what were their findings?

Geography



This half term we will be learning about Italy. We will be locating Italy on maps, learning about the physical and human geography of Italy and comparing this to the UK. We will also explore how and why volcanoes erupt.



Talk to your child about places that you have travelled to: can you identify human and physical features of the place? How does that compare to the UK? What are the similarities and differences? Why do we not have volcanoes in the UK?

R.E.



This half term the children will be learning about Pentecost and the importance of Pentecost for Christians.



Talk to your child/children about any important times of the year that you celebrate or remember. How do you celebrate and why they are important to you as a family?

Computing



This half term the children will use 2Animate to learn how to animate an object, use the tools on 2Animate and how to use Stop Motion Animation, as well as discussing our favourite animations and what makes them successful.

DT

Our focus this half term will be Food Technology. We will learn about the importance of a balanced diet and about the different food groups and their nutritional value. The children will practise and develop their food preparation skills and learn about the importance of hygiene. They will apply their skills and knowledge by designing and making their own pizza.



Talk to your child about the food they eat and which food groups these foods come from.

Music

This half a term, the children will be exploring how the inter-related dimensions of music: dynamics, tempo, duration, texture, timbre, pitch and structure can be combined to communicate an intended effect using the ancient Mayan civilisation as a stimulus for listening, performing and composing.



Try singing a simple repetitive tune for your child to follow, changing the pitch or see if you can follow theirs!

P.E.



A combination of class teachers and Premier Sport will be delivering Tennis and Cricket throughout the term. In P.E the children will be following a separate program depending upon whether they are in year 3 or 4.

The Year 4 children will go swimming every Tuesday afternoon.

	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 3	Tennis & Cricket	Outdoor Adventurous & Athletics
Year 4	Swimming & Cricket	Swimming & Athletics

Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit, earrings removed if possible or taped over and hair tied up on their allocated PE days.

French

During the Summer term the children will be learning the French words and phrases for fruits and vegetables and will be composing sentences using a model.

Values/PSHE

We are working as a school on our school Values along with our Golden Rules of showing 'Readiness, Respect & Responsibility.

The whole school values will be:

1st half: Empathy

2nd half: Aspiration

Within PHSE this half a term, we will be looking at money - using/keeping money safe.



Please help your child work on 'Responsibility & Readiness' by encouraging them to maintain their attendance & punctuality (8.50am in their line on the playground) and reminding them to check they have their book bag, water bottle, and reading book each day.

Homework The children have been given Spring Term homework menu, so please have fun supporting your child completing these. We would like the children to complete three of these tasks by **Wednesday 25th May**.

Reading - Listen to your child read as often as you can. Discuss the story, characters and meaning of new words. Try to ask them questions about what they have read to check their understanding.

Spellings - We are revising, reviewing and extending the children's knowledge and use of common exception words from year 1 to year 4. Spellings will be taught in lessons. The children will be encouraged to extend their vocabulary through the topics.

Times tables - There is a national push for children to know their Times Tables - not just in order to recite but also out of order (instant recall of what, for example, $2 \times 8 =$) and also associated division facts ($2 \times 8 = 16$ and so 16 divided by $8 = 2$ and divided by $2 = 8$, again instant recall). We will be practising their \times tables through TT Rockstars in school and we encourage the children to play this at home. Log in's will be in the children's reading records with their Purple Mash log in's as well. Please encourage and have fun.

PE Days-

Birch- Tuesday (Swimming Year 4 and Year 3 Tennis) & Wednesday

Sycamore - Tuesday & Wednesday

Oak - Monday and Tuesday (Swimming)

Thank you for your continued support.

If you ever have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

KS2 Team

Sycamore Class: Mrs Hanmer (Mon-Tues), Mrs Gower (Weds, Thurs, Fri), Mrs Walker (TA)

Birch Class: Miss Khindey (Class Teacher), Mrs Nikiema (TA), Mrs Watson (TA)

Oak Class: Mr Vince (Class Teacher), Mrs Martin (TA)

Mrs McCormack and Mrs Blackman- (TA)