



Curriculum Newsletter



Summer 2 2021

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Year 4

What a Wonderful World

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Topic

Welcome to the final topic for this year, What a Wonderful World, where we will be learning about different places around the world and exploring some of the art. We will also be comparing Moscow with Birmingham. Science learning is the topic Forces and Magnets and our PSHE learning includes information to support with growing up. There is a big Geography focus and learning will include :- the importance of the Equator and hemispheres, time zones and comparing physical and human features of places. R.E will involve learning about festivals and family life for those following the Jewish faith. Computing looks at audio editing and how to do this and French learning is about hobbies and interests.

English

How can you help your child in English? Here are some great ideas:

Please continue to support your child with reading at home, they may prefer to read to themselves instead of reading aloud which is great too. There are a range of books available for your child to read on Rising Stars and your child will have their login details at the back of their reading record. There's a quiz to complete once the book has been read too.

We have a focus on creating imagery through vocabulary choices in Year 4 so you could discuss this with your child, supporting them to identify and pick out effective vocabulary and word types. Look for sentences starting with a fronted adverbial with them as this is a Year 4 writing expectation. Also ask your child to be inverted commas and the associated punctuation spotters; this will support them with using this with more accuracy in their writing.

Try to share books that support the topic so for this half term, maybe you could have a look for books about different places of interest around the world. Explore the contents page and look out for any specific topic related vocabulary.

Maths

To support your child with their maths in Year 4 here are some key pieces of information:

We have a big focus on learning times tables and are expecting the children to make full use of Times Tables Rockstars which your child has their own username and password for.

We have introduced the children to some more free maths websites to support with quick mental maths recall including Math Playground and Topmarks.

Please support your child to practise reading the time from an analogue clock and converting it to digital, if they are ready for it. We will be focusing on time telling in two of our weekly quiz sessions.

We will be learning about Geometry this half term so properties of shapes and how to group and classify them. Look out for different types of shapes with your child as you go about your day and discuss the properties.

If you have any queries about your child's maths or any aspect of their maths learning then please do not hesitate to email their teacher about it.

Additional after school clubs and sessions

These will be running this half term and you will have had Epraise messages about signing up for these. Please ask your child's teacher if you have any queries about these extra sessions.



Home Learning



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Unlocking the Learning

As part of our home learning, we would like the children to take part in one or more of our creative homework projects that link to this half term's learning. Our topic for this half term is What a Wonderful World, a Geography based topic.

We look forward to seeing the results and would like the children to email their completed projects to us by the week beginning Monday, 19th July, so that they can share and celebrate each other's talents before the end of term. We would ask that this project reflects six weeks' worth of work, and demonstrates the children's own work, although we really appreciate your support in helping them complete their homework.

Please remember that if your child is unsure of their home learning then we can help with resources to complete their home learning, or discuss ideas with them. Please just email us for support. We believe it is very important that every child has the opportunity to engage with learning at home and will support however we can with this.

Create a fact file about a city of your choice. Things to consider might be the population, the climate, the animals that live there.	Research the weather in different cities around the world on the same day. Where in the world is it hotter/colder than where we live?	Paint a rock or piece of wood using aboriginal symbols and patterns.
Imagine you are going to stay in another country for a week. What will you need to take? Find out about the climate in the country, any dangers or risks you might need to prepare for and the activities you could be doing. Draw or write your own packing list.	What might a typical meal look like for a child in the country you choose to study? You could create a menu to show their food off.	Use a balloon to create a globe using papier mache. Compare the size of the UK to other continents.