

Year 4 Newsletter Autumn 1

Writing This half term we will be looking at how to create interesting characters, including using dialogue effectively. We will use a version of "The Great Kapok Tree" to support our writing.	Science Science this half term is about electricity and circuits. We will find out how simple circuits including lamps and batteries work. We will discover how switches affect circuits. We will learn about common conductors and insulators and common appliances that run on electricity.	RE We will be learning about how family life and festivals are important to Jewish people. We will learn about special days and festivals for Jewish people, including Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Passover. We will also think about how these practices impact on a Jewish person's everyday life.
Maths This half term we will be learning about number and place value. We will look at 4 digit numbers. We will then move onto methods of addition and subtraction. Please ensure that your child is practising their times tables.	History This term we will be working on our topic about Anglo Saxons. We will find out about why the Anglo Saxons, Vikings & Scots came to Britain and learn about the Dane Law. We also look at some key individuals from that time.	Reading This half term we are focusing on an extract from "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." We will then be looking at the poem 'Winter.'
PE Alongside swimming on Wednesdays, this term we will be learning about Personal Skills in Real PE along with movement skills of coordination and balance.	Geography This term our topic is looking at Rivers. We will learn about the features of rivers and how rivers move. We will find out about the positive and negative effects of flooding.	French Our unit will be 'Welcome to school', we will review school commands, numbers, days of the week and months of the year.
Music This half term we will look at Musical Structures. We will find patterns in the sections of music and song. We will sing, play, improvise and compose.	PSHE PSHE this term is about Healthy Relationships. We will also be creating a class charter which we will all sign.	Spellings We will cover a variety of spelling patterns and be learning the Year 3/4 common exception words.
Computing We will be using PurpleMash to learn about computer animation.	DT This term we will be designing, making and evaluating a night light which contains a circuit.	Art Our topic will be 'Exploring Pattern.' Children will have the opportunity to explore pattern and develop a range of skills and knowledge through drawing and collage.

Book Changing Days

Beech - Monday	Pine - Monday	Juniper - Tuesday
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PE and Swimming

Class	Beech	Juniper	Pine
Swimming	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Real PE	Thursday	Monday	Thursday

Online Resources

TT Rockstars 	Computing 
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Google Classroom Codes

Beech	Pine: 2wdcmv64	Juniper g7oigfm6
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Homework

Reading

- Children choose 2 books to take home and read each week:

1. Collins book - At your child's reading level - Should be read and swapped weekly	2. Read for pleasure book - Could be a picture book, graphic novel, poems, a short chapter book or a longer chapter book - If this is a longer chapter book, your child can keep this for over a week and return it on the next book change day for their class.
	

- Please make sure you listen to your child read **EVERY DAY** for at least 10 minutes.

Maths

- Maths homework will be set on Friday on Purple Mash. It is due the following Thursday.
- Please let your child do at least 10mins of practice on Times Table Rockstars per day.

Spelling

- Children will be given a list of spelling words on Thursday. They must practise the words ready for a test the following week.