

Year 4 Spring Newsletter



Dear Parents,
Happy New Year to you all! We hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas and are ready for the start of a new term. Below is a curriculum outline for the spring term, which we hope you will find helpful.

Topics

Our topics will be 'The Blue Abyss and 'Road Trip USA.'

The Blue Abyss explores deep into an underwater world of incredible coral and mysterious sea creatures. We will be visiting the Sea Life Centre as part of our topic, providing inspiration for our areas of learning. In Art, we will have the opportunity to create clay sea life sculptures, press-printing and Batik Art. We will be exploring seas and oceans of the world and investigating environmental issues and 19th Century Ocean exploration. In Science, we are studying Classification and understanding how sea creatures have adapted to their environment. During our Road Trip USA topic, the children will have the opportunity to make Native American dream catchers and design and construct Classic American vehicles with headlights, or motors.

English

We will be studying, 'Nim's Island' and will sail across the seas to a remote volcanic island. Also, we will explore a wide selection of sea-life poetry experimenting with language features and vocabulary choices.

After half term we are reading, 'The Indian in the Cupboard,' where we will write our own Native American adventure stories.

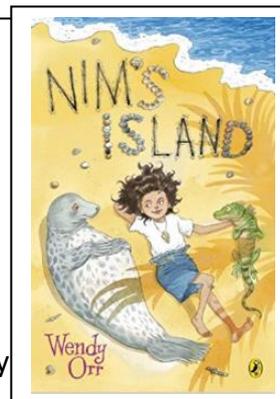
Reading

The children take part in shared class reading. They will have the opportunity to read aloud daily and complete activities in their reading journals. On a Wednesday, children will visit the in school library. Please make sure that children return their library book on a Wednesday when they have finished it. Some children will continue to have extra reading group interventions.

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home and take part in discussions about the text they are reading. They should also be noting the books that they read at home in their reading diary.

Spellings

Please note that spellings will be set on a Monday and will be tested every Friday. These will be recorded in their reading diaries so it is important that these are in school **every Monday**.



Computing: we are learning about online safety and spreadsheets.

Music: the children in year 4 will have the opportunity to learn the African Drums, with Wider Opportunities for Music, which will culminate in a concert for parents.

- PE: our PE activities will be multi skills and dance. Your child will need a named P.E kit in school on Monday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate named kit (white t shirt, blue shorts and black pumps). Long hair will need to be tied back on these days and earrings will need to be removed or covered with plasters (please provide these for your child on this day). Children can bring a tracksuit and trainers into school for these sessions in case we go outdoors.

Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing and footwear to school and that all clothing is clearly labelled.

Mrs Conway will support year 4 on some mornings and will be in year 5 for the other mornings.

Should you have any messages about your child or if you need to see either of us at any point during the term please feel free to make an appointment to see us after school.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Lowe and Miss Porter