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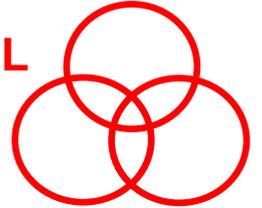
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## Year 4 Newsletter January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year. I hope that you have all had a relaxing Christmas break and enjoyed more family time. I would also like to use this opportunity to thank you for your kind gifts and Christmas cards. They are much appreciated. I am sure the children are ready to continue to challenge themselves to achieve the best they can and I am ready to help them with that.

**Writing:** This term our cross curricular topic is going to be 'Rivers and Mountains' and I hope the children are going to enjoy it as much as our previous one. The majority of our writing will be planned around this theme. We will be studying the main rivers of the world and the UK, as well as the mountain ranges around the world.

Within this topic, we will cover a range of text types, including descriptions, leaflets, instructions, poetry and non - chronological reports. Our class texts will be 'Sabryna and the River Spirit' and 'The Man Who Bought a Mountain'. We will use these as the focus for our guided reading. We will also be using 'The River' by Marc Martin to inspire our creative story writing.

**Grammar and Punctuation:** This will be taught regularly to ensure the children use standard English in all of their work.





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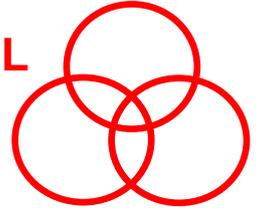
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**Handwriting:** The children will continue to improve their continuous cursive handwriting and will be rewarded with pen licences as soon as their handwriting is neat enough for a pen.

**Spelling:** This term the children will practice their spellings following Year 4 statutory requirements and Year 4 common exception words will also be taught. We will have regular short dictations of sentences including the spelling patterns and high frequency words. Weekly spelling tests will take place on Mondays and the new words will be given on Tuesdays.

**Reading:** We will continue to read with the children individually, in weekly guided reading sessions and as a whole class. As well as improving their ability to read fluently, we will focus on the comprehension of texts to make sure the children understand what they read and can discuss it effectively.

In Year 4 we expect the children to read widely and regularly. One of the best ways you can support your child is to encourage their love of reading. Please, keep a record on their Star Reader sheets of all the books they are read. Please, help your child by making sure you still read with them daily.

**Maths:** This term the children will be focusing on addition and subtraction, written methods for multiplication and division, measurement, geometry and statistics. We will also use and apply the maths taught to answer word problems and do lots of investigations. Please, encourage your children to continue to use TimesTables RockStars. The children seem to really enjoy using it and it helps them to make progress in their times tables. We recommend them practising their tables for 10mins a day, as this will make all the difference to their learning in Maths. Times tables tests will continue to take place every Monday morning.

**Science:** We will cover two topics – States of Matter and Sound. We are also planning to continue to focus on investigations and working scientifically.

**R.E.:** This term we will be learning about Christmas, Revelation, Lent and Holy Week.

**Homework:** Each child will have a homework book provided to complete their work in. Homework will be given out on Friday and is expected in, for marking, on Wednesday. In Year 4 the homework is essential and will be monitored closely therefore completing and returning homework is very important to your child's





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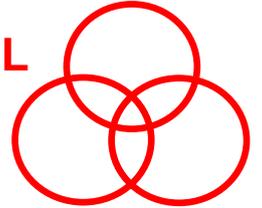
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education. Please speak to me if you are having problems with homework or need any guidance with what is expected.

**Spelling at home:** The children will all have a spelling book which will be taken home on Tuesday and will need to be returned on Monday for the weekly spelling test. Each child will have a list of spellings which they are to learn during the week at home ready for their test on Monday. Please do help your child with learning the spellings by practising with them and encouraging them to look for spelling patterns.

**Physical Education:** It is essential that the children have the correct P.E. kit in school. P.E. kits will be kept in the classroom for the term and will be taken home at the end of each term. This will ensure that the children do not forget to bring their kit to school. The P.E. kit required for school is as follows: 1 red polo shirt, 1 navy pair of shorts, 1 pair of trainers. Please make sure all kit is clearly named. P.E. will be on Wednesdays this term.

If you have anything you wish to discuss or questions to ask, please do not hesitate to contact me via the class email address [class4@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:class4@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk).

Kind Regards,

Mrs M. Wadzyk

