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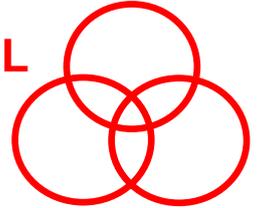
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Year 4 Newsletter April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a relaxing Easter break and enjoyed more family time. I am excited to welcome your children back and I am sure they are ready to continue challenging themselves to achieve their best.

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 topics. 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 texts 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: We will continue to have regular weekly sessions, to ensure the children are confident in using standard English in all of their work.

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





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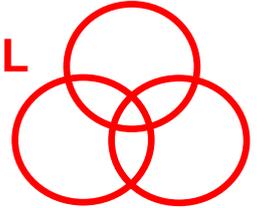
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Spelling: This term the children will continue to practice their spellings following Year 4 statutory requirements and Year 4 common exception words will be taught. We will also have regular short dictations of sentences including the spelling patterns and high frequency words. The children will learn the summer term spellings sets, following Year 4 'No Nonsense Spelling' programme, including words with apostrophes for possession, homophones and adverbs.

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, use the Reading folder to keep a record of their daily reading and use the Star Reader sheets to record all the books they are reading. Please, support your child by making sure you still read with them daily.

Maths: This term the children will be focusing on negative numbers, rounding numbers including decimals, Roman numerals, mastering their skills on mental and written methods for addition and subtraction, using partitioning to multiply and divide, adding and subtracting fractions, measuring capacity, time and money problems, continuous data, and translations. We will also practise applying the maths skills to solve word problems and carry out investigations.

Please, encourage your children to continue to use TimesTables RockStars, as it helps them to make progress in their times tables. We recommend practising 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. A lot of the children have passed all the levels by now and this term we will focus on their speed in answering the questions.

Science: We will finish the topic 'Electricity', then move on to 'Living things and their habitats'. We are also going to continue with investigations and working scientifically.

PSHE: This term we are going to continue with the programme 'Life to the full'. We will focus on respecting our bodies and the similarities and differences between people as they grow and make choices. We will provide a safe space for a boy/girl





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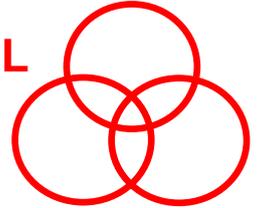
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discussion about changes they will face throughout puberty and how these changes might make them feel. We will also explore the miraculous nature of human conception and birth.

In the other part of PSHE we are going to focus on different ways to keep track of money and on spending decisions and how they can affect others and the environment.

R.E.: This term we will be learning about Easter, Pentecost, and the Sacraments.

Homework: Homework will be given every Friday and needs to be returned by Wednesday. It is an important part of your child's education, so thank you for making sure your child completes and returns their homework on time. Please speak to me if you are having problems with homework or need any guidance with what is expected.

Physical Education: This term the children will still need to come to school wearing their P.E. kit on Fridays and they will practise Cricket and Athletics.

If you have anything you wish to discuss or questions to ask, please do not hesitate to contact us via the class email address class4@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk.

Kind Regards,

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