

## Spring Term 2023 - Year 4

# Happy New Year!

We hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas break. We are really looking forward to this term and have some exciting activities planned. The children have made a great start to the year and are working hard. Below are a few reminders for the coming term, please look at the curriculum overview on our website where you will be able to see what is covered during the Spring term.

### READING:

We teach reading as a whole class to develop the key skills of retrieval, prediction, questioning, clarifying, summarising and inference. This term we will be reading about volcanoes. Children will all have the opportunity to read aloud within class during the week. Please encourage your child to read to you daily.

**As a minimum, we ask that you sign your child's reading diary at least 3 times a week.** Reading diaries will be checked on a **Monday** and need to be in school **every day**. House points are awarded for reading at home.

When children have completed their book, they will be able to complete a comprehension quiz based on the book they have been reading in school and then their book will be changed.

**If your child enjoys reading books from home or visiting the library you can check book levels for any book using the following link...** [Accelerated Reader Bookfinder UK & Ireland - Quick Search \(arbookfind.co.uk\)](https://www.arbookfind.co.uk)

We encourage children to read another text/book of their choice alongside their school reading book.

### SPELLINGS:

Children complete daily activities working towards achieving the Year 4 spelling goals. Children will bring home spellings in a **yellow book** on a **Monday**, the number of spellings each week may vary, please do not worry about this. Spellings will need to be practised at home using **Look Say Cover Write Check**, in preparation for the weekly **spelling test, which will be on a Friday**.

Please sign the yellow book so that we know that you have seen your child's spellings, these will be checked when new spellings are given out on Mondays. **Spelling tests are completed in reading diaries.**

**New spellings given out - Monday**

**Spelling test - Friday**

### HOMEWORK:

A homework task will be uploaded on to Seesaw each Wednesday and explained in class to the children. Homework tasks will be a range of maths and English activities, along with some topic work or projects. Homework will need to be completed by the following **Wednesday**. House points will be awarded for completed homework.

**Times tables** - children are also expected to practice and learn their times tables and corresponding division facts at home to ensure they can recall these rapidly. This term we will be focussing on times tables and ensuring all children know their tables up to 12x12.

**Links to support this will be posted on Seesaw.**

**Homework is given out and collected in - Wednesday's**

### PE:

During Spring 1 PE will take place on Fridays, please make sure PE kits are in school in preparation for this. PE kits can be brought in on Mondays and be kept in lockers then go home on Fridays after the PE session. We will let children know about additional PE sessions; announcements will also be made on Seesaw.

Please make sure that your child has suitable footwear for outdoor sessions. You may wish to provide a pair of dark coloured tracksuit trousers and a change of jumper as the weather is cooler. Please also make sure all kit is labelled clearly with your child's name. Children will be swimming on Thursday afternoons during this half term.

**PE - Friday (This half term)**

**If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's learning, then please contact the school office and arrange to come in and see us. You can email the school office, and this will then be forwarded on to us.**

Best wishes

Mrs Parkes and Miss Yates

