



Spring 2 Newsletter February 2024

YEAR 4 (Dolphins)



Dear Parents/Carers,

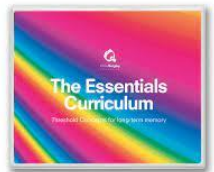
In this newsletter you will find information on what we are studying this term (and next) as well as general information and key dates for your diary. As ever, should you have any questions, do contact me via ClassDojo or, if a quick query, catch me at the end of the day.

As you are aware, our school values are Resilience, Community and Respect. Please continue to discuss these at home with your child and how they can reflect these at home and school.

Mr Farnell



Term 4 Learning



This term the children's learning will be as follows:

English	During this term we will be looking at the book <i>The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe</i> by C.S Lewis. We will use this as the stimulus for our writing this term. We will be creating diary entries as well as planning and creating our very own first-person narrative.
Maths	We will be finishing off our length and perimeter topic before delving into the world of fractions. We will then end the term by introducing decimals.
RE	Our topic this term is Salvation. We will be focusing on different stories from the Bible to help answer our big question which is "Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?"
History	Term 4 will see us meet the Egyptians. We will explore Ancient Egypt, looking at different Egyptian beliefs and the famous pyramids. We will then move onto exploring the Romans.
Geography	During Term 4 we will be continuing to focus on the continent of Europe. Once complete we will look at the concept of transportation and how this works.
Science	Physics takes centre stage this term as we focus on magnets and forces as well as sounds and hearing. We do also have a living things topic where we will look at classifying different animals and insects.
Art	We are very excited to complete some Cityscape artwork during Term 4. We will look at an artist called Camille Pissarro in particular. We will investigate the background of how this type of art is created before creating some of our own.
PE	Our topics this term are Tennis and Cricket. PE will be taught on a Tuesday and a Friday.

PSHE	Our overarching topic this term is Healthy Me. We will be the key things needed to help create a happy and healthy individual. We will look into what would happen if one of our 'ingredients' is missing.
Music	The children will be looking at soul/gospel music during Term 4. We will spend some time looking at the Bill Withers' song 'Lean on me'.
French	We will continue building on our growing knowledge of the French language. We will be focusing on learning about different shapes.

Additional information

Spellings – these are to be set every Friday and evaluated on the following Friday. Hard copies are available, if needed, but they are also posted on Spelling Shed. This app allows the children to practise their spellings and earn points. All login details are stuck in the back of the children's reading records. If your child has a new reading record and no longer has their details, please let me know so I can make sure you have these.

Times Table Rockstars – we will be continuing using TTRS both in school and at home. This is a great app that will be very helpful as we prepare for the official Multiplication Test later in the year. We will complete a timed version on a Wednesday and a Friday.

Reading – Please do read regularly with your child at home. Sign their reading record and help them earn Accelerated Reader awards and House points. We cannot stress how much of a positive impact this has on your child's reading ability.

PE Kit – PE this term will be outside for both lessons. Cricket will generally be on a Tuesday and Tennis on a Friday. Please ensure appropriate kit is worn to school for these lessons.

If you need to contact us, please use ClassDojo. We will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Do note that teachers cannot see messages sent to other teachers. You are given the option to choose who you want to send the message to when composing it.

Finally, a reminder to make sure everything is named, this includes hats, scarves, gloves and any new coats!

Thank you.

Key dates/information (so far!)

7th March – World book day and open afternoon (more information to follow).

12th March – Staff development day, school closed for children.

18th March and 21st March – Parent consultations (more information to follow).

20th March – Online safety parent workshop.

21st March – French Day (more information to follow).

27th March – End of term. School finishes at 1:30pm.

28th March – Staff development day.

