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Year 4 Spring 2 Newsletter

English

Writing

This term's English will be based on the book, *'The secret of Black Rock'* by Joe Todd Stanton.

Over the course of the half-term, pupils will read the text together as a class and complete a number of writing activities linked to the story with the purpose to persuade. Over the term, two pieces of writing to persuade will be completed by pupils - a persuasive poster and persuasive speech.

Reading

Over the course of the half term, pupils will read *The River Singers* as their reading focus in whole class reading sessions.

Each pupil will be given a reading record and will be able to choose a book at their level to read for enjoyment at home. Books should be returned once they have been read and a parent has signed the reading record. On this day, they will be checked/changed. Ideally, we expect children to be changing their books every 1-2 weeks.

Maths

In maths, pupils will complete a unit on fractions and a unit on decimals.

In addition, twice a week there will be an extra focus on arithmetic in class to re-cap learning and there will be daily 'Number of the Day' sessions as we aim to develop pupils' fluency in maths.

There will also be a big focus on pupils' times table knowledge in order to prepare them for the end of the year test.

Please ensure that you are supporting your children with their times table practice at home.

Geography

The topic for the first three weeks of the half-term focuses on the question - 'What are rivers and how are they used?'

We will learn about; the water cycle, features of rivers, the location of some of the world's largest rivers and what rivers are used for.

We will be conducting a local river study on our visit to Dovestone reservoir where the children will identify features of rivers and use OS maps to locate them.



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Science

After the three weeks of geography, we will study the topic 'Sound and Vibrations' where we will learn about how sounds are made, vibrations and volume, pitch and sound insulation.

French/ PSHE

French and PSHE will take place each week. Long term plans can be found on the school website.

DT

In Art, we will be developing our skills through a topic called 'Mechanical Systems: Making a Slingshot Car'. The children will learn about how kinetic energy and air resistance affect movement. They will design and create a car model.

P.E

All classes have P.E on **Tuesday and Thursday**.
We will be doing circuits and badminton.

Please ensure your child has the correct kit (yellow polo shirt and black shorts - available for purchase from reception), including footwear (trainers/pumps). Pupils without the correct kit will not be able to take part on health and safety grounds.

Homework

Homework will be **set every Friday**.
It will be required by the next Friday. Homework will be a recap/consolidation of the previous weeks learning. Pupils will have a spelling test each Friday morning.
It is expected that all homework is completed. A log will be kept of pupils' completed work.

Kind regards

Miss Borthwick, Mrs Khanum and Mr Fitton.



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Dear parents/ carers,

Across the rest of the school year, Year 4 will be going on a range of valuable trips associated with our learning in order to supplement the curriculum.

Our trips will be linked to the following topics: geography - rivers, history - Anglo-Saxons and science - habitats. These trips will be a vital part of the children's learning and allow them real-life experiences to better their understanding and inspire them within these subject areas.

Below is a list of trips with dates and associated costs, which as ever we have tried to keep to a minimum.

	Spring 2: Dovestones Reservoir	Summer 1: Bakewell Old House Museum	Summer 2: Manchester Art Gallery
Cost:	Free	£8	£4
Red	Mon 18 th March	Weds 22 nd May	Weds 3 rd July
Blue	Thurs 14 th March	Friday 24 th May	Thurs 4 th July
Green	Thurs 21 st March	Thurs 23 rd May	Mon 1 st July

By sharing the trips with you well in advance, we are aiming to give you the opportunity and flexibility to pay for the trips all together. This could be done in a lump sum of £12 or smaller accumulative payments. Teachers will be keeping a log of amounts paid.

Payment Dates:

£6 by Friday 17th May 2024.

£6 by Friday 28st June 2024.

Pupils on school dinners will receive a packed lunch from school. Pupils on packed lunches should bring their lunches as usual but in a rucksack.

Further information about the trips will be forthcoming closer to the events.

Kind regards

Mrs L. Borthwick

Mrs N. Khanum

Mr T. Fitton