

Year 4 Newsletter Summer 2



This half term, the children will be looking at a sea side theme. Summer sports and sports week will be a major part of the half term.

English — As readers, we will look at stories related to our topic 'The Seaside'. As writers, we will be writing recounts, letters and postcards. We will be looking in detail at the beautifully illustrated book, 'Flotsam', by David Weisner.

Maths — As mathematicians, our three main topics will be recapping on the four rules of number (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) then we will go on to study fractions and decimals. Mental maths and reasoning skills will be practised when they focus on times tables and arithmetic skills. At the end of each of these topics, the children complete mini assessments to check on the progress they are making. By the end of Year 4, your child should know all of their times tables up to 12x12 by heart—remember to practise at home using Times Tables Rockstars, Manga High or Hit the Button.

Science — Our electricity topic will be completed this half term where opportunities arise for circuit making, predictions and testing. Then we will move on to looking at habitats and classification keys and finally environmental change.

Homework — Homework will be given on a Monday and will be due back on a Thursday. Completed homework should show evidence of: regular spelling practise and finished maths work.

Art and Design Technology — The children will use the coastal theme as a starting point for their art work. They will create observational drawings of shells and the seaside. Additional work will complement the cross-curricular events occurring throughout the term.

PE — This term, we will be looking getting outdoors every day to do our Fit 4 Life sessions. **Children need to have suitable footwear everyday.**

Geography—As geographers, we will be looking closely at coastal regions near Manchester. We will be continuing our map skills by identifying major coastal towns around the UK. Then we will look at landforms caused by erosion and study the ever changing landscape of our coastal regions.

Dates for the diary.

Sports week — Weds 23rd June , 10:15-11am

Maths week/maths market — Mon 28th June

Poetry party— Thurs 8th July

Term ends — Weds 21st July

PSHE—In PHSE, as the children get ready to move to Year 5, we will be looking at changes; both changes as the children grow up and changes in the school and wider communities. In the second half of the term, the children will study a SRE unit during PHSE lesson (further details about this will be sent home).

Music — In music, we will be continuing with our singing and ukulele lessons from Mr Boardman.