



Year Four News

A newsletter for Year 4 Parents

Spring Term 2022

Geography

This term we will be learning about Australia and the Great Barrier Reef.

If you have any relevant objects, books or pictures, please bring them into school to share.



We are currently working on a brand new unit of Literacy based around the text 'A Story like the wind.'

In English, we will be writing our own under the sea narratives, inspire-d by Finding Nemo, creating travel brochures about visiting Australia and writing under the sea poetry.

Please make sure your **PE kit** is in school. This term we will be participating in dance and will be swimming every Thursday morning.

Year 4 Fashion Show!

Year 4 will be proudly donning their eco self-made t-shirts and filming a fashion show in the Ark! Look out for the video on Google Classroom.

During our art lessons this term, we will be working with a range of materials to create 'fish inspired' art. We will be using charcoal to explore motion (horses and boats) using our literacy text as inspiration.

DT

Next term, we will be utilising recycled clothing and material in our DT lessons. Please save anything at home that we could use!

Homework

This term homework will continue to be set on Friday. When there is a task, this will be due in by the next Friday. In an effort to be more eco-friendly, homework will be available digitally on the school website. Paper copies will be available to those who request it.

Times Tables

Please help your child to learn their times tables up to 12 x 12. Remember that they also need to understand how we relate the multiplication facts to the division facts:-

$$3 \times 6 = 18$$
$$\text{so } 18 \div 6 = 3 \text{ and } 18 \div 3 = 6$$

Home reading.

Please encourage your child to read every night.

Children in Y4 are often able to read independently but they still benefit from some time reading with an adult. This can be a great opportunity for children to read, enjoy and discuss more challenging texts.

Making Appointments

We are always happy to talk to parents about any concerns they have. Please feel free to catch us after school or make an appointment for another time.



Our topics for this term

Geography

- What kinds of animals live in the Barrier Reef?
- What is the impact of tourism on the reef?
- Use maps and atlases to locate the UK and Australia
- Identify key physical features of Australia
- Climate and time zone
- What are the similarities and differences between the coastlines of the UK and Australia?

Computing

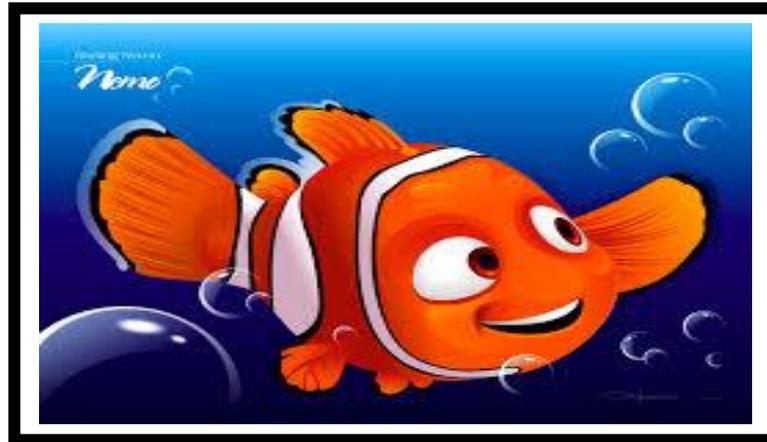
We will be learning about collecting weather data and being safe online.

PE

Swimming
Orienteering and dance

Art and Design

We will be creating collage artwork using a range of materials.
Charcoal drawings linked to Literacy.



Literacy

1. Under the Ocean Narrative
2. Story Like The Wind
3. Australia travel brochures
4. Reef poetry

Maths

- Written methods for multiplication and division.
- Finding the area of rectilinear shapes.
- Finding fractions of whole numbers.
- Decimals and how they relate to fractions.
- Times tables.

French

Numbers
Days of the week
Months
Seasons
Weather

Science

Sound
Living Things and their habitats.

Music

We will be learning how to play the keyboard and read music.

RE (Religious Education)

Islam

- An introduction to Islam
- The 5 pillars of Islam
- A visit to a Mosque

