

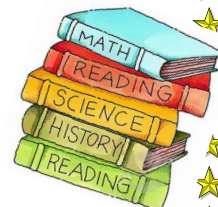
# What's happening in Year 4?

Summer Term 2024

Welcome back to the final term of Year 4! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The children are ready for another term of fun and have shown an excellent attitude to their learning already. They are looking forward to the new topics for this term.

We look forward to working with you again this term.

Mrs Roberts, Mr Watson and Mr Penfold



## What will your child be studying in Maths and English?



In **English**, we will be reading 'Journey to Jo'burg' by Beverley Naidoo. This is a story from another culture that describes life in South Africa during Apartheid. We will then continue studying texts from other cultures where we will use 'Tinga Tinga Tales' as a context to help us write play scripts. After half term we complete another book study where we will be reading 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo. This will be a context to support us to write in a number of genres. We will then finish our writing in year 4 with a poetry topic.

In **Maths** this term we will begin by continuing our work on decimal numbers focusing on ordering them and rounding them. We will also be comparing decimal numbers up to 2 decimal places. We will then apply this learning to money where children will convert from pounds to pence. Later in the term, children will focus on telling the time using both analogue clocks and digital clocks. Further practise at home will benefit the children. After half term, children will focus on geometry, learning properties of 2d and 3d shapes and position and direction, where children will plot coordinates on a grid.



### For your information...

- **Reading**— Reading continues to have a huge focus in everything we do in year 4. As part of the children's homework, we expect the children to read at least 4 times a week, if possible with an adult. While children do not need to record their learning in a reading diary in year 4, it is still important that regular reading happens at home.
- **Times Tables**—This year the children in year 4 will be sitting the Multiplication Tables Check in June, therefore please encourage your child to practise on Times Tables Rockstars as much as possible. Fluency with their times tables will greatly benefit them as they enter into years 5 and 6 too.
- **Homework**—Your child will continue to receive their homework on a Friday which will be due in the following Wednesday. They will receive a weekly literacy based piece of homework and a maths piece.

### Science

We will start the summer term learning about living things and their habitats.

### Computing

We will become toy designers where we will use scratch to program and code an interactive toy.

### Art

This half term we will be exploring pointillism where children will produce their own river scene using the pointillism technique.

### Design and Technology

We will be using crumble to program a movement sensitive light. After half term, children will design their own pop-up book based on their own Tinga Tinga Tale from their English work. They will include moving mechanisms within this story.

### History

After half term, we will begin a World War 2 topic where children will explore what Fareham was like during the War. They will learn about the impact on the local area, evacuation, rationing and what life was like to live in Fareham during the war.

### Music

Hampshire Music Service will be teaching us how to play the keyboard.

### RE

We will be learning about devotion and describing what it means and the different feelings associated with the concept. We will then learn about and respond to the concept of Samsara.

### Games

For outside PE, Mrs Tata will teach the children the skills and techniques related to athletics and cricket.

### PE

For indoor PE, Mr Artz will continue to teach the children teamwork and cooperation skills within a variety of fun games.