

Year 4 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a relaxing two weeks and spent some quality time together as a family. We can't quite believe that we are already entering the final term of the year! The second half of the spring term proved to be yet another success. Your children continue to impress us with their hard working and positive attitudes. Particular highlights of the half term include the fantastic work which we produced for World Book Day, our visit from 'amazelab' during Science Week, the fantastic moves which we modelled for our Comic Relief danceathon and showing fantastic bravery and determination during our first two swimming sessions.



This term, we will begin our final topic of the year - 'Land of Hope and Glory'. Throughout this topic, the children will become experts on their homeland, learning all about the country in which they live, from a geography point of view.

Maths

This half term, our maths learning will focus on the areas listed below:

- Converting fluently between fractions and decimals
- Dividing by 10 and 100
- Money - converting, comparing and ordering and calculating change
- Measuring mass
- Measuring volume and capacity
- Telling the time

English

The novel we will be studying alongside our topic 'Land of Hope and Glory' will be The Railway Children by E. Nesbit. Being a classic, this book never fails to engage our children. In writing, we will be writing a postcard home as one of the characters in the book, then we will be writing our own short adventure story in the style of E. Nesbit.

Topic

Our topic this term, 'Land of Hope and Glory', will involve us learning all about the UK, from a geography point of view.

As **geographers**, we will:

- Study the United Kingdom (UK)
- Study its main physical and human features
- Look at changes over time
- Explore similarities to and differences from other European countries

We will also learn about the countries and capitals of the UK, transport, ancient monuments and recognisable buildings.

As **historians**, we will look at the UK's industrial past. As **artists**, we will be introduced to printing and will create images based upon the famous landmarks in the UK. As **scientists**, we will study the digestive system of both animals and humans and learn about the importance of keeping our teeth healthy.

Home Learning Schedule

Topic

As we encourage independent learning in Year 4, we have set a number of research projects for your child to choose from and complete over a series of weeks. Using the menu provided in a separate letter, children should choose two activities to complete; one to be handed in on Monday, 23rd May and one to be handed in on Monday, 11th July.

Reading

At Sitwell Junior School, we aim to encourage children to acquire a love of reading. Therefore, it is really important that you listen to your child read every day. This only needs to be for a short time each day, as little and often is the best approach when supporting your child with their reading. Your child will be asked to choose a book from the colour band appropriate to their ability (in terms of reading and understanding) and a non-fiction book from the library. Our new, online reading diary, on Marvellous Me, will be monitored by an adult on a regular basis and the children will be able to change their books once a week, during class based reading sessions.

One area that we are looking to develop is the fluency of reading; we are striving to ensure that children can read with appropriate pace and expression. This often involves re-reading a passage until fluency is achieved; you might find that your child has struggled with a sentence, paragraph, or even a page, so asking them to re-read until fluent is absolutely fine. This will improve their word reading and understanding.

In addition to reading their book at home, children have access to a 'Reading Eggs' account, which their class teacher will have shown them how to access. 'Reading Eggs' is an online program, which allows your child to develop their reading comprehension, with texts tailored to your child's individual reading ability. You can access the website at: <https://readingeggs.co.uk/>

Maths

As we are just over a month away from completing the government led multiplication check, we request that children practice on **Times Table Rock Stars** for 10 minutes each day. Alongside this, we will continue to provide opportunities for them to practice in school.

PE Schedule

We ask that, on their P.E. days, children come to school in their P.E. kit. PE kit is as follows: white t-shirt, black shorts/leggings, black tracksuit and trainers. As children have now begun their swimming lessons, they will have one further P.E. session in school.

Your child will have P.E. on the following days:

4EL – Thursday

4ZN – Monday

4WN – Wednesday

Twitter and Marvellous Me

If you would like to keep up-to-date with your child's learning in school, then check out the school's Twitter page. The account details are listed at the top of this letter. Further, you will now be receiving regular updates and photos via the Marvellous Me app. If you have not signed up for this, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Nixon, Mrs Winters, Mr Nazir and Mrs Smith

The Year 4 Team