



Year 4 Class Newsletter

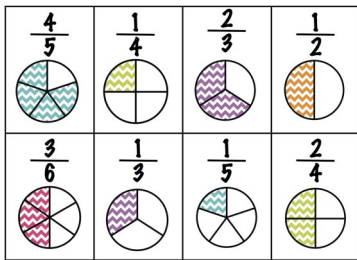
Spring Term 2: Mon 23 Feb - Fri 27 Mar



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our Spring term. I hope you all had a lovely half term break.

We started off the half term with a 'hook' lesson involving soundscapes to introduce our new book. It's my favourite book in Year 4 and I'm looking forward to the class impressing me with their insightful comments and predictions. Once our book has been revealed to the children we will be using it as a stimulus for story writing. We will be brushing up on our apostrophe use and direct speech punctuation during our grammar work, before planning, drafting and writing our very own stories.



In **Maths**, we will be starting our unit on 'Fractions'. This unit contains a few recap objectives from year 3 and then lessons which move us into the year 4 objectives. We will be finding equivalent fractions, counting in fractions and adding and subtracting fractions too. Times tables knowledge is central to maths and in units such as fractions, this knowledge is absolutely key – so please do encourage and support your child in practicing and consolidating their recall of times tables facts.

This half term will see us continuing our **Geography** unit of work entitled "Forests Near and Far – Why do they Matter?" After a little more work on the geographical features of these biomes and the effects of deforestation, we will be completing some fieldwork at St Ives. This will help us compare the climates of the two biomes as well as comparing the species of plants and animals that live in each biome.



In **Science** we will be moving on to 'States of Matter' unit. We will explore this topic through the question 'How can water change?' We will compare solids, liquids and gases and observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled. We will also learn to identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.

In **RE** we will be learning about bible stories of the Last Supper, Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial. We will make links between Gospel texts and how Christians remember, celebrate and serve on Good Friday and Maundy Thursday, including Holy Communion.



Dates to remember:

- Maths CGP work is due in on Fridays
- PE takes place on Wednesdays and Thursdays

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything you wish to discuss.

I would like to finish by thanking you for your support on the last day of term at our Year 4 Enterprise stall. I was so proud of the children's finished pencil cases; they all worked so hard and showed great determination, resilience and some excellent sewing skills. A special thanks to Mrs Chataway for giving her time to help us - it was much appreciated.

Mr Coates