

Year 4's Newsletter

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Welcome back! We hope you've enjoyed the start to the new year. We have been busy starting our new 'Earthquakes' topic.

Thank you for the effort everyone put into their homework presentations and quizzes. The class have loved working out the answers to their friends' questions and learning more along the way,

Here are some of the questions we have been asking and answering:

"When and where are earthquakes most likely to happen? (Zion)

"How often do earthquakes happen?" (Reem)

We are looking forward to finding out even more during this half term.

Kuzey shared information and diagrams with the class to accompany his presentation



English & Maths

In English, we will be reading "The Rhythm of the Rain" by Grahame Baker-Smith. This links to our science topic of the water cycle. We will use the book to support the learning of our English objectives such as:

- To learn how to use inference skills to develop my predictions
- To learn how to write relative clauses.
- To be able to write an information text.



In maths, we are learning multiplication and division, and will be achieving the following objectives:

To learn how to use factor pairs in order to aid multiplication - How can we use factors to help us multiply?

To learn how to multiply and divide by 10 and 100 - How do the numbers move along the place value chart?

To learn how to use related facts in order to solve multiplication and division problems mentally - How can we use the times tables we do know to work out ones we don't know?

Children in Year 4 are expected to know all their times tables up to 12 x 12 and will be tested on this later in the year. Please help your child by practising regularly.

R.E.

In R.E. this half term, we will be discussing the journey of life and death. We will learn how people of differing faiths hold beliefs about what happens to a person after they die.

We will be asking questions such as:

Why do some people think life is like a journey?

Where do we go?

What do different people think about life after death?

Swimming

Year 4 now swim every Tuesday afternoon. We had a fantastic first session last week with lots of children showing their resilience to succeed. Thank you for supporting us in teaching this vital skill.

Please note, no jewellery, including earrings, is allowed in the pool. If a child is wearing stud earrings for



Homework

Homework is issued three times a week:

Monday - Maths on Mathletics (due Wednesday)

Wed - Comprehension on Reading Eggs (due Friday).

Friday - Spellings sent home to learn

UN Sustainable Development Goals

As a school, we strongly believe in promoting peace and prosperity for all. We recognise the key role the children of Edna G Olds will play in the future of the planet. We have now built into the curriculum the teaching of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted by all UN member states. We aim to focus on two Development Goals per half term. This will raise children's awareness around issues such as poverty, inequality and climate change. This half term, we are learning about 'Clean Water and Sanitation' and 'Sustainable Cities and Communities'. You can find out more about the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals here: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

Diary Dates

Wednesday 24th January - Visit to Radford & Lenton Library,

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