



Year 4 Newsletter

Summer 1—2024/2025



Notices and Reminders

Our PE day is **Monday**. Please make sure that you come to school in your PE kit on that day. Reading books and reading records should be in school every day, as well as water bottles and coats (if necessary).

Reading

Next half term, the children will continue to read the whole class reading text 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, which they have really enjoyed this half term. They will continue to develop their reading fluency alongside building comprehension skills and using inference and deduction when reflecting on the text.



Writing

Composition

In composition this term, the children will be using their creativity to create a set of instructions on how to create their own magical potion using all the key features of this non-fiction piece of text.



Language

The children will be developing their understanding of subordinate clauses and apostrophes.

Key dates

Tuesday 22nd April
Children back to school

Friday 25th April
HLSA Disco

Saturday 17th May
District Cross-country Run (9.30am)

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May
Half Term Holiday

WB Monday 2nd June
Y4 Multiplication Check

Friday 6th June
INSET Day

Tuesday 24th June – Tuesday 8th July
Y4 Swimming sessions (Tuesdays)

Wednesday 2nd July
Move up Moving

Wednesday 9th July
Sports Day (Timings to be confirmed)

Maths

In maths this half term, the children will be learning about decimals, such as calculating halves and quarters as decimals. The children will also be learning about calculations involving money using the four operations as well as time. Time will involve children converting different units such as seconds to minutes, solving time duration problems and reading analogue and digital time.



Science

In science this half term, the children will be learning all about the world of sound. They will be discovering the mechanics of how we actually hear, how changing pitch and dynamics affect the way a soundwave looks and will carry out experiments to further embed their learning.



History

In history this half term, the children will be learning about the earliest ancient civilisations including Ancient Sumer. They will be learning about how the Sumerians lived, their religious practices and some Sumerian advancements such as the wheel, mathematics and time.



Art

In art this half term, the children will be learning about sculptures and about Judy Tadman – a renowned rope sculpturer. The children will be learning about how to design and create their own rope sculpture, including rope twisting, coiling and knot tying.



PE

Within PE this half term, the children will be looking at enhancing their athletic techniques. They will be focusing on using running, jumping, throwing and catching in isolation and in combination. They will also be looking at developing flexibility, strength, control and balance.



DT

In DT this half term, the children will be learning about fastenings before designing, making a prototype for and then producing their own book sleeve. They will consider fabric, fastenings, size, theme and decoration.



PSHE

In PSHE this half term, the children will be learning about how their choices can make a difference to others and the environment. They will also be looking at how we can manage risks in different places.

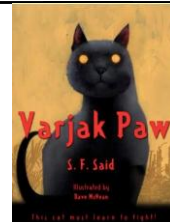


French

In French this half term, the children will be developing their language skills even further by learning about a very British pass-time – the weather! As well as learning the words for some of the major weather types, the children will also be learning how to converse in this topic using known and new vocabulary.



Suggested book for reading



'Varjak Paw' by S. F. Said is the story of a Mesopotamian Blue cat, who has never been outside before. He is forced out into the city when a sinister gentleman and his two menacing cats arrive.