

Year 4 News



April 2021



Welcome back Year 4! We hope you had a great Easter break and are ready for a busy half term.

Geography



In geography this term, we will be exploring tsunamis, volcanos and earthquakes in our theme Extreme Earth. In these lessons we will: explore the causes and effects of tsunamis; understand how a volcano is formed; identify the four different types of volcanos that magma forms; explore the Ring of Fire and understand why and how earthquakes occur.

English

In English this term, we will be linking our work to our geography theme of Extreme Earth. We will begin by looking at Haiku poetry and then move our focus on to an explanation text. Finally we will finish the term, looking at persuasive leaflets.



RE

In RE, we will be exploring why dance is important across different religions. We will be looking at Christianity and Hinduism, focusing on various styles including Mudras (hand gestures).

Home Reading

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home. Dojos will be rewarded to those children who share their signed Reading Records with their class teacher.



Design & Technology



In Design and Technology we are looking at constructing bridges that can withstand natural disasters. During the process we will look at researching existing bridge designs and how to strengthen and stiffen structures. We will design and make the bridges using a variety of materials and then evaluate the final product.

Maths

This half term, we will continue with our focus on decimals and then move on to develop an understanding of money and time - this is something that you can also practise independently at home. You may want to create a timetable of what you get up to at the weekend including time of day and the duration as well as helping adults when shopping with identifying coins and giving change.



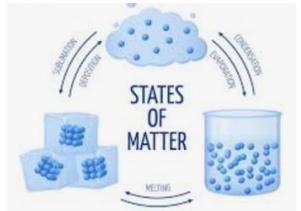
Times Tables

As we aim for all Year 4 children to know all of the times table facts up to 12x12 by the end of the year, we will continue to practise our tables on a regular basis (including using Times Table Rock Stars). We hope that the children can also continue this practise at home.



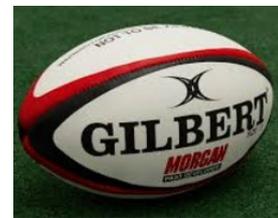
Science

This term, we will be learning all about states of matter. This will include: understanding



the differences of volume and shape between solids, liquids and gases; learning which gases are in our atmosphere and also exploring the water cycle; and how water moves around the Earth.

PE



This term in PE, we are learning the skills and gameplay of Rugby. We will be looking at: throwing and catching; moving and dodging; tagging; intercepting; attacking and defending.

PE days for Year 4 are as follows:

4W: Tuesdays & Wednesdays

4C: Mondays & Thursdays

4F: Wednesdays & Thursdays

Please ensure your child has the appropriate Westways PE kit (white t-shirt, dark shorts and trainers/plimsolls) for indoor sessions, as well as sweat-shirt and tracksuit bottoms for when we're outside!



Spellings



Every other Friday, the children will be tested on 10 of the spellings from the spelling grid that is available on Google Classroom. Please encourage your child with their spelling homework.