

LOWER KEY STAGE 2 NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2025

Happy New Year!
We hope you all had a fantastic Xmas break and are feeling ready for an exciting term ahead. If you need further details or information then please contact your child's teacher who will be more than happy to help!

Your Y3/Y4 team

Diamonds - Miss K Hammond
Jades - Miss G Moffatt

Crystals - Mrs D White
Opals - Mrs G Preston

Teaching Assistants:
Miss K Deering
Miss S Robinson
Miss M Morgan (HLTA)

DIARY DATES:

- 15th January: Diamonds Class Assembly
- Tuesday 28th January: Bedtime story evening
- Friday 31st January: Dress as Book Character
- W/C 10th February: Internet Safety week
- Friday 14th February: Drayton's Got Talent
- W/C 3rd March: Cultural Similarities week
- Weds/Thursday 26/27th March: Parent's Evening
- Friday 4th April: Fair Fayre/last day of Spring term.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Literacy Spring 1

In the first half of this term, our focus will be an 'Indian adventure'. We will be learning the story of Rama & Sita before moving on to writing based on 'The Jungle Book'. We will be writing a setting description and then later a diary entry from Shere Khan's point of view.



Literacy Spring 2

In the second half of this term, we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons. We will be writing balanced arguments, a non-chronological report and a news paper report about the discovery at Sutton Hoo!



Numeracy

Year 3:

Children will be revisiting the 4 operations: addition & subtraction, multiplication & division. They will then be focussing on statistics. In the second half of the term, they will be learning about fractions, length & perimeter.

Year 4:

Children will be revisiting multiplication & division before moving on to fractions. In the second half of the term, children will continue learning about fractions before moving on to decimals.

A vital part of maths is knowing and recalling times table facts. Children should be practicing these regularly as part of their homework.

REMINDER: the multiplication check for Year 4 children will be in June.



HOMEWORK

Every week, children should complete the following:

- Times table practice
- Spelling practice - spellings will be tested weekly
- Reading - at least x 4 per week to support with Accelerated Reader. There will be a prize for those children who meet their target at the end of every half term.
- One piece of Math per week - Mymath/TT Rock Star. This will be set on a Friday. We offer a lunchtime club for children to complete homework.

READING

It is very important that children read at least 4 times per week.

Reading daily helps improve accuracy.

Reminder: the Oxford Owl has a FREE e-book library that can be accessed at home.

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Science - Year 3

In Spring 1, Year 3 are learning about forces and magnets. Children will understand that forces are pushes and pulls. They will learn to identify magnetic materials and explore how magnets behave towards each other.

In Spring 2, children will investigate light & shadow. Children will learn that light can be reflected and how shadows are formed.

Science - Year 4

In Spring 1, Year 4 are learning about states of matter. They will identify the properties of solids and liquids as well as gasses. Children will carry out practical investigations involving freezing and melting.

In Spring 2, children will be learning about the water cycle. They will understand the process of evaporation and condensation. Children will carry out practical investigations into the rate of evaporation.

R.E

In Spring 1, children will be learning about pilgrimages. They will understand what a pilgrimage is and why people go on one.

In Spring 2, children will learn why some people choose to wear religious clothing. Children will be able to identify the traditional dress of the Hindu religion.

History/Geography

In Spring 1, children will learn all about India as part of their Geography topic. Children will locate India and its major cities on a map. They will identify the country's physical features and understand how these affect people's way of life.

In Spring 2, children will learn about the Anglo Saxons in History. Children will learn who the Anglo Saxons were and why they settled in Britain. They will also listen what Anglo Saxon settlements were like.

Computing

In Spring 1, children in Year 3 will learn how to create Digital Art based on Mondrian and then how to stay safe online.



In Spring 2, children in Year 4 will be using a program called Sketch Up to learn Computer Aided Design (C.A.D). They will then be learning how to stay safe online.

Art/DT

In Spring 1, children will learn about Rangoli patterns and their significance before creating their own.



In Spring 1, children will be making Anglo Saxon soup! Keep an eye on Dojo to find out when we will be having our Anglo Saxon day.

REMINDERS

Year 4 Multiplication Check

This will take place in June. Please encourage your child to practice their times tables regularly. Two great websites: www.timestables.co.uk and www.ttrockstars.com

Water bottles:

Every child needs to have a water bottle (filled with water only). Please make sure that water bottles are named.

Snack:

Children are welcome to bring a fruit or vegetable snack to enjoy at breaktime.

P.E Kit:

All children need to bring the correct P.E kit to school on a Monday (black shorts, red t-shirt, plimsolls or trainers). Kits can be taken home on a Friday for washing.