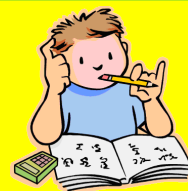




# YEAR 4 NEWS



Spring 1  
Half Term

Dear parents/guardians,

*Please find on this page an overview of our learning for this half term. As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me on the playground or write a note in the link book.*

## Maths

This half term we will be concentrating on the following aspects of maths:

- Number and Place value
- Written addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Mental addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Measures
- Fractions, ratio and proportion
- Geometry: properties of shapes

We will be carrying out problem solving and reasoning activities on each of these areas to improve our mastery of the year 4 curriculum.

We will continue to improve our multiplication facts with weekly tests and speed tables. *This is a key focus as children are not recalling them at speed.*

## RE

In RE we will look at the local church and community. We will focus on the first disciples before looking more closely at our own parish. In our Eucharist topic, we will look closely at the Eucharistic mass, finding out more about the key parts of the mass and the correct responses to use.

## Topic / Art & Design Technology

Our new topic is 'The Legend of Robin Hood'. Leading up to our theme day at Beaumanor, this topic will cover everything from the history of the legend and where it was set (Nottinghamshire), to map skills and coordinates for orienteering at Beaumanor. In art and design, we will be sewing a Robin Hood hat to take on our residential trip. We will also look at woodland drawing and natural sculpture art.

## English

Our literacy this half term will be based on our Robin Hood topic and a study of the legend.

We will be looking at character descriptions, oral storytelling, comic strips, story writing, poetry and how to compare different versions of the same story.

Our focus to improve our writing this half term is sentence structure. In particular we are going to look at ways to open sentences and conjunctions to link sentences together. We will also be focusing on using a wider range of punctuation.

In grammar we will be focusing on: possessive adjectives, indirect speech, verbs in the past perfect tense, adverb clauses and noun phrases.

Our spelling patterns for this half term are:

Words ending in 'ous' and the year 3/4 spring term 1 word list. It is extremely important that children are learning their spellings and applying them in their writing.

As always, we are focused on improving the quality of our writing. We are working hard to improve handwriting in all of the writing we do and to apply our knowledge learnt in grammar sessions to our extended writing sessions.

## Science

In science, we will be looking at 'Changes of State'. We will look at grouping materials as solids, liquids and gases. We will observe what happens when they are heated or cooled and use thermometers to accurately measure temperature. We will look at 'evaporation' and 'condensation' linked to the water cycle and plan experiments to link the rate of evaporation with temperature

## Computing

In computing, we will be looking at the importance of internet safety and how to stay safe whilst surfing the internet. We will also be looking at improving our word processing skills and trying to touch type.