

# Year 4 Newsletter – Spring Term 2

## February 2019



Welcome back. I hope you have all had a lovely break and are ready for a busy half term ahead.

This term I am looking forward to our new topics as well as continuing to recap and revisit previous learning to ensure it stays in our long term memories. The children have made lots of progress in year 4 and it is wonderful to have a class of enthusiastic learners. Keep up the amazing work everyone!

Our topic this half term is called 'Why is water so important?' and the information that the children need to know by the end of this topic can be found on their knowledge organiser. A copy of this will be sent home but a copy can also be found and downloaded from our class page. We will discover some of the most famous rivers in the world, we will learn the parts of a river as well as look at how they can impact both positive and negatively on both people and the environment.

In ICT, we will be working on staying safe online as well as completing our coding course where we make algorithms in order to make our own computer games.

Our Science topic will aim to answer the question: What living things can be found in my local area? We will be grouping living things, creating food chains and researching endangered animals. The knowledge and vocabulary that children need to know and understand can be found on their knowledge organisers.

Please continue to keep track of your child's progress and achievements using Class Dojo and visiting Twitter or our class page.

Thanks for all your support so far. Please feel free to pop into school if you have any queries or worries.

Miss Hague  
Year 4 Class Teacher & Vice Principal

### **Useful websites:**

[www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com)  
[www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com)  
<https://trockstars.com/>  
<http://primaryfacts.com/2436/louis-sachar-facts-and-information/>  
<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/clips/zb39jxs>  
<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/geography/rivers/>  
<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/clips/ztbw2p3>  
<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/z6wwxnb>

### How you can help

**MATHS** –This half term we will be developing our knowledge of fractions as well as continuing to work on the four operations. There will also be a big focus on the learning of times table and division facts. We will be using TT Rock stars which will help the children to rapidly recall their times table and division facts.

**ENGLISH** We will be continuing to read our book 'Holes' as well as reading 'River Story' and 'Once Upon a Raindrop.'

In addition we will be focusing on grammar, spelling and punctuation and handwriting.

**PE** is on a Monday and Tuesday. Sports coaches will teach the sessions. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times. Our Kit consists of black shorts/bottoms, white t-shirt, black trainers or pumps. Also, please remember no earrings on PE days. Correct kit = Dojos ☺

**HOMEWORK** – Homework will be set weekly on Tuesday and needs to be returned the following Monday.. Homework will consolidate the children's existing skills or build on the teaching throughout the week. Please support your children to complete their homework.

**HOME READING BOOKS/FREE READERS** –Please use your reading record to help us to communicate with you. Books will be changed as needed. Please aim to read at home at least 4 times per week.