

Year 4 Indigo class newsletter

Welcome to Term 2 of Year 4. After a fun and exciting term last term, we are all looking forward to another engaging term ahead.

Maths 123

In our maths learning this term, we will be learning to add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of column addition and subtraction where appropriate. We will be practising estimating and using the inverse operations to check answers to a calculation, as well as continuing to practise mental methods for addition and subtraction.

In topic maths, we will be focusing on our measuring skills. This will include learning to measure the perimeter of simple 2-D shapes and spaces.

English!

In English, we are reading 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman. We will be discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination as well as drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence. We will use this text to write a character and setting description as well as write our own adventure story.

We will also write our own Christmas Kennings.

Times Tables Rockstars

Keep Up with Times Table Rockstars! Let's all work towards being Rock Legends and Rock Heroes!

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>



Science

In Science, our topic will be sound and electricity. We will explore the new vocabulary and conduct experiments to help build our knowledge and understanding. We will also be using our knowledge of electricity to write our own non-chronological reports.

When using the internet at home, please encourage your child to use the safe search engine **Kiddle**. www.kiddle.co/
This site is run by Google and has safe search functions built into it to help protect children.

Reminders:

- Swimming kits for Wednesday. Ideally earrings should be left at home.
- Daily reading recorded in planners and signed.
- Home learning is issued termly and can be handed in when completed.
- Correct uniform please, including shoes. Boots may be worn during the winter months. Any problems or concerns, please write a note in the student's reading record book.
- Please check the school calendar for upcoming events.

Art/DT

In DT, we will be using our new knowledge of sound to plan a DT project where we will be making a musical instrument.

We will practise our skills to generate, develop, model and communicate our ideas through discussion and annotated sketches, before selecting the tools and equipment we would like to use.

MFL

In French this term, we will be learning to say where we live, identify a variety of rooms and furniture and describe our daily routine.

RE

In RE, we will be exploring the concept of prayer and answering the question 'Why do people pray?'

We will be considering prayers from different religions.

Music

As musicians this term, we will continue to learn and practise how to play the recorder, using the notes we have learnt so far and putting them together. We will also listen to music to identify the pitch and how this changes through a song.

Computing

Computing this term focuses on digital literacy.

We will be learning how to communicate online safely and how to manage risks to keep ourselves safe.

PSHE

In PSHE, our key question is 'How do we treat each other with respect?'

We will consider what discrimination and inclusion look like and the rights and responsibilities we all have.

Thank you for reading our newsletter. If there is anything you would like to discuss, please arrange a telephone appointment via the school office.

Mrs Abbott and Miss Ridge