

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a restful and relaxing Christmas break after a long, but productive term. We would like to thank you on behalf of all the staff who work in Year 4 for all the kind, thoughtful gifts that we received. This newsletter contains all the essential information you will need to know for this half term, including class routines and what to expect from the curriculum. We'd also like to extend our thanks for your patience and support during these unprecedented times.

Home-learning: Every week, there will be a timetable for children on the VLE. This will outline the schedule for the day ahead. We will also make it clear on the homepage and relevant subject pages, the times in which we will be live on teams. The work for the day can be found on the subject tab on the VLE. We would also love to see children accessing the 'Spelling Frame' and 'TT Rockstars' as often as possible. Each child has been given their login details for both of these.

Routines: For those children who are in school, PE days are now on a Friday. Children should come prepared for indoor or outdoor PE, including outdoor trainers.

Creative Curriculum: Our topic this term is Europe. Through a variety of creative and practical activities, pupils will be taught the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to answer the question, 'Which European country would you want to live in and why?' Pupils will research different climate zones in relation to the equator and recognise how the world is split into biomes based on the geography and climate. Pupils will then have the opportunity to research Italian culture as well as their own chosen country.



English: This half term, the focus will be on a character description of Miss Trunchbull and Matilda. Children will be learning about the following grammar concepts: similes/metaphors, verb choices, 'show not tell' language, punctuating direct speech, tenses, prepositions, expanded noun phrases and simple/compound/complex sentences. They will then apply this to their character descriptions.

Maths: In Maths this half term, we will be focusing on length, perimeter and area. Pupils will be learning about equivalent lengths (m and cm, mm and cm); kilometres; adding and subtracting lengths; perimeter and area. We are specifically focussing on the 6, 7 and 8 times tables, so it would benefit your child to play games, whether practical or online to help consolidate this. TT Rockstars is one way to achieve this.



Science: This half term, the focus will be on 'Sound'. Children will be able to identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating; recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear; find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it; find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it; and recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.

R.E.: This half term, our focus question is, "What does it mean to be a Sikh in Britain today?" Children will be looking at how Sikhism began; who were the ten Gurus?; the 5ks of Sikhism; the Holy Scriptures of Sikhism; what Sikhs believe about God; where and how they worship; and how they express their faith today.

If you have any question or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are regularly checking our emails at year4@baildonce.co.uk.

Best wishes,

Miss Mullen, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Wilkinson