

# Year 4 Newsletter

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## PE

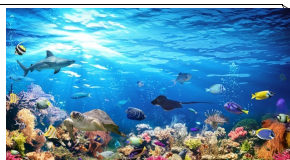
### Wednesday afternoon

Due to unforeseen circumstances, swimming lessons for Term 4 have been cancelled.

As a result, this term we will be developing our skills and knowledge through learning to participate in tag rugby and tennis activities on Wednesday afternoons.



## Our topic in Term 4 is 'Under the Sea.'



**Science:** This term, our topic is Living Things and their Habitats.

**English:** In English, we will be focusing on a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. This includes learning about Enid Blyton's 'The Sea of Adventure'; where children will be transported into a world of adventure at sea.

**Maths:** We are focusing our skills on Fractions and Decimals and we will be applying these skills to problem solving activities.

**Topic:** This term we will be learning about life under the sea, as well as focussing on the real problem of plastic pollution in the world's seas.

**PSHE:** Focussing on initiative and E-safety skills.

**RE:** The origins of Christianity, the Disciples, Early Church and the spread of Christianity. Easter – why is it important for Christians?

## How can you help at home?

Please support your child with their year 3/4 spelling lists wherever possible. Also, please remember to read at home with your child for 20 minutes per day and sign their reading record.

Date for 'Under the Sea' Homework Project:

Friday 27th March

### Times Table and Division Facts

Times tables and division facts are key areas for building confidence in maths. As a result, by the end of Year 4 all children are expected to know their times tables. Therefore, we will be having weekly times table challenges. Please support your child with learning their times tables up to the 12s and encourage your child to identify the relationships between them. The children all have a PiXL times table app log in that they can use at home to practise their times tables. Thank you for your continued support.

### Key dates for your diaries:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March—Parent Evening

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March—Parent Evening

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March—Sea Life Centre, London (Tanzanite)

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March—Sea Life Centre, London (Onyx)

### Reading

The children engage in many reading activities as part of their English sessions. Through the AR scheme, your child will have a band of books that they may choose from, which should all be suitable for their current reading ability. Your child needs to be secure with what they have read, so they may be encouraged to read their book more than once before completing the quiz. It is important that your child reads daily, we offer reading time in school throughout the day but this needs to be supported at home too. If you have any queries about the system, please contact your child's class teacher.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD BRINGS THEIR READING BOOK TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY and you have signed their reading record to say that you have listened to them read.**



### Water Bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. **This should contain water only, no juice or squash please.**



**Children should come to school everyday wearing the correct uniform, including shoes. Please discuss with us if your child is not wearing the correct uniform or shoes.**

Long hair **MUST** be tied up securely every day and be able to stay up all day. Bands will be given if they have not secured their hair. No nail varnish is to be worn.