

Year 4 Newsletter

Onyx class teacher: Mrs Persaud
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Day
Tanzanite class teacher: Mrs Camilleri
Teaching Assistant: Miss Harrison
Additional Support : Mrs Osborne & Mrs Drury

Our topic in Term 1 is 'We are Explorers'



Science: This term our topic is "Sound" we will be identifying how sounds are made.

English: Our main text this term is "Around the World in 80 Days", which the children will be using to write stories and newspaper reports, putting themselves in the position of the main characters.

Maths: Our focus this term will be place value, addition and subtraction using numbers with up to 4 digits. This will also include using inverse to check answers.

Topic Work: This term we will be looking at the geography and history of the different countries that are featured in "Around the World..."

PSHE: We will be using the Apple programme of study focussing on feelings.

RE: RE will focus on symbols and special objects to Hindus.

French: We will be looking at "Je me presente".

P.E.

Onyx - Tuesday and Wednesday
Tanzanite - Tuesday and Friday



This term, we will be working on our football skills as well as gymnastics. Please ensure that your child has appropriate kit for each session. Please could you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school all week. Please remove earrings on these days—it is an important health and safety issue.

How can you help at home?

Please support your child with their spellings and Maths homework wherever possible. The work set will support the learning they have done during the week. The spellings will normally support the spelling patterns we have been looking at, or will be spellings that they consistently get wrong and so need to be practised. Homework club is held twice a week if your child needs support to complete their homework.

DATES FOR T1 HOMEWORK:
22nd September, 6th & 20th October

Times Table and Spelling Tests!

Your child needs to be practising their times tables for our weekly test.

Spellings will be given out on a Monday and tested on Friday

The test will be completed as a rapid recall, with just seconds for them to remember the answer.

As part of our topic work we will be having a food tasting afternoon focusing on one of the countries we have researched. We will inform you of dates nearer the time.

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 every day 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.