

YEAR 4 CLASS NEWS

Week beginning January 7

It was lovely to see everyone last week at the beginning of our Spring Term. All the children appeared to have enjoyed a fantastic break and were keen to get learning!

We have a very busy week this week. We have a badminton festival on Thursday at Trevelyan School. We will be walking there and back and hope to be back at school on time, but please bear with us if we are a bit late. We will be having lunch at school before we leave. Please ensure all the children have PE kits in school as they will be doing PE with Mr Smith AND the festival, so a kit is very necessary.

On Friday we have our trip to Chertsey Museum to find out more about the Anglo Saxons. Children will need a packed lunch on this day. Please ensure it is disposable.

Times tables tests will take place on Tuesdays from now on.

I have altered the Times Tables Rockstars to use their new system which tracks performance and sets children on a pre-programmed journey through their times tables. This process has been developed from the company's huge experience in how children learn tables and which ones to do first etc. It is important the children play the games often to ensure they progress through this system. It should be really helpful for their essential tables skills.

Kind regards

Mrs O'Neal

Homework

Homework is usually handed out on Wednesdays and should be handed back in (or completed online) by Monday morning in order to achieve the completed on time "tick". Sometimes, we have had to hand some homework out on Thursdays because of projects and trips etc on Wednesdays. Please be aware that sometimes this might happen.

Maths

The children will be looking at negative numbers, ordering, comparing and calculating differences. It would be useful to talk about the weather at home as we may get freezing temperatures – which would build their understanding of negative numbers!

English

The children are starting a new unit of work on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We are reading this in class and several children have already brought in books to read along, which is great.

This is a narrative unit and we will build up to writing our own chapter of the book using a made-up character who will have some interesting experiences in the Chocolate Factory. This week we are recapping subordinate clauses and looking at devising useful questions.

Topic We will be going to Chertsey Museum.

RE We are starting our new unit of work on Judaism. The question we will be answering is: how important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?

PE The children will be having their Thursday session with Mr Smith. We will be attending the badminton festival on Thursday.

Music Mr Manners is continuing his singing workshops. This will take place now on Tuesday mornings.

PSHE We will be starting a new unit called Dreams and Goals.

French We will focus on learning days of the week.

Art Year 4 is starting a unit of work on Salvador Dali. This will culminate in us creating our own collage in the style of Dali!

Science and Computing will be taught by Mrs Forward and Mrs Flynn.

Kind regards

The Year 4 Team

Mrs O'Neal (teacher)

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