

## Year 4 Newsletter—Summer 2

### Must bring to school:

- Reading folder
- Home learning diary
- School bag
- Monday and Thursday are PE days so please come in wearing joggers or shorts (shorts under dresses).

### Topic

Our new topic is...  
Mouse Bird Snake Wolf

### Traits

Curiosity, Gratefulness, Hope,  
Judgement, Appreciation,  
Healthy body and Honesty.

### Home Learning

- Reading—(10 minutes each day and write at least two entries in the diary each week—one from an adult)
- Times table Rockstars and/or Numbots
- Spellings—10 each week
- Spell Zone (additional spelling)

### Important dates

- Week 2: 09/06—Year 4 Times Tables Check
- 25/06 Maths morning 8.30 -9.
- 11.07 End of Year Reports
- 15.07 Sports Day

### Times Tables Statutory Assessment

In Week 2, all students in year 4 across England will sit a statutory timetables test. We will be doing lots of practice in school but you can help children prepare by encouraging them to practice TT Rockstars at home doing Soundcheck which is a timed activity very similar to the check.

Please bring a water bottle to school in the hot weather. This makes sure everyone is drinking enough water.

### Personally, Social, Character Development

Our focus traits for this term are: **Curiosity, Gratefulness, Judgement, Healthy Mind, Healthy Body and Honesty.** Please ask your children about them!  
Coming to the end of the academic year is a big transition. It is very important that we have open discussions about any worries they may have and we will be talking about this in school.

### History, Geography & Social Understanding

We will be using maps to locate and name all of the countries in Europe as well as finding out key geographical information about them such as their physical features and their populations. We will link all of our RE learning this term, building upon our understanding of others and their religions.

### Understanding English, Communication & Language

Our new topic is a book that we will be studying in depth, discovering motives for the characters and turning dialogue into a play script. Other writing that we will link to the topic will include a non-chronological report, a setting description and a persuasive text.

We will also be considering how illustrations help us to understand the story and the author's writing style, and lots of opportunities for doing drama and acting out our play scripts.

### Understanding the Arts

Art this term will focus more on performing arts and link to the literacy mentioned. We will be using our voices and bodies to portray how characters think, feel and behave.

In Music, we will continue our composing unit and using written notations to record our pieces of music.

Our DT unit this term will be on using mechanisms to create a moving animal toy.

### Science and Technological Understanding

This term we are focusing on living things and their habitats. Learning about different types of animals, vertebrates and invertebrate and looking at the habitats that animals live in. We will also be classifying them based on their features using a variety of skills we have learnt across the year.

### Mathematical Understanding

This term we will be learning about shape including polygons, triangles and angles. We will later be starting our statistics unit where we will be learning how to interpret graphs in order to compare, find the sum and find the difference of data. This will also allow us to start creating our own line graphs and will link to gathering and representing data in computing.

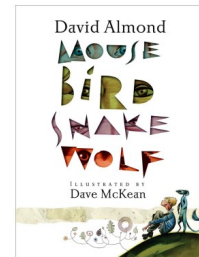
Later in the term, we shall then look at position and direction, being able to plot co-ordinates as well as translate shapes on a grid.

The children will continue to develop their times tables knowledge and should continue to make use of TTRockstars.

### Computing

In computing, we will be developing our knowledge about data, how it is collected and what it is used for.

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### Understanding Physical Health

PE this term will be focusing on invasion **games** and **athletics skills**.

Our PE days are now **Monday** and **Thursday**.