

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4 Term 3 2019/20

Welcome to Term 3 and Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed the break and have come back ready for the new term. We have had a relaxing winter break and are looking forward to the term ahead and a successful 2020.

Readers and Writers

This term, we will study the book *Krindlekrax* written by Philip Ridley. This popular children's book offers children a chance to explore familiar settings with a variety of characters all sharing their lives on the fictitious 'Lizard Street' where our hero, Ruskin Splinter, goes to school. It is filled with adventure and suspense as Ruskin discovers the secret that lies beneath the wobbly cover.

Alongside this, children will learn key reading skills including skimming and scanning a text to find information, as well as how to answer questions that require the retrieval of facts from a text.



Mathematicians

For this term, our maths units will be a multiplication and division. We will build on our times table

knowledge and use this for formal written methods of the expanded and compact written method of two and three-digit multiplication. This will help many pupils to develop embed their knowledge of multiplication tables.

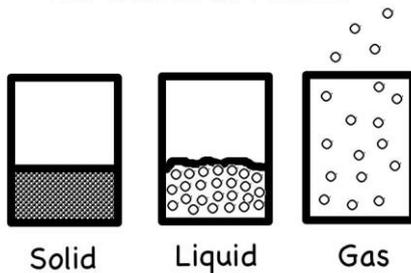
This summer all Year 4 pupils will be required to undertake a Multiplication Tables check. We really want our children to be successful and achieve their best. You can help by using the website Mathsframe:

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

Scientists

In Science, the children will learn about the properties of matter. Children will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. We will also conduct experiments to find out the effect heating and cooling has on some materials and observe the temperature at which they change states.

The States of Matter



Geographers and Historians

This term we will build on our locational knowledge of Great Britain and go on to explore the wider world around us by



making comparisons with countries further afield such as Peru.

We will begin by expanding on our knowledge of UK landmarks and then look at the physical and human geographic features of South America and Peru.



Following on from last term, we will be taking children for swimming lessons every Thursday afternoon. Children will need to remember to bring a swimming costume and towel for each lesson. A team of trained instructors will supervise all lessons and Mr Brownlow, Mrs Duale and Mrs Tolley will walk the children to and from the leisure centre.



We have started to use an individualised spelling programme across the school. Your children will have six spellings to learn every week as part of their homework and it is very important that they are supported to learn these before being tested on a Friday afternoon.

Yours Sincerely,
Mr Brownlow