

Y4TS – Spring Term

Class Teachers – Mrs Turton (Mon-Wed), Mrs Selman (Wed-Fri)

Welcome to Spring term in Y4TS!

Homework

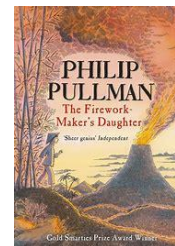
Homework will be set on a Friday and is due in by the following Wednesday. There will be either a Maths, English or wider curriculum task/activity as well as weekly spellings to learn. We encourage regular reading (4 times per week) and TT Rockstars practice every week too. The task will be outlined on Dojo as well as in Homework books (where relevant). Spelling tests will be held on the Friday after the homework is set. Reading records need to be signed by a parent and brought in on a Thursday morning.

Maths

We are going to be learning about the following areas in Maths this term: division, calculating area, fractions and decimals. This will include using formal method to divide 3 digits by 1 digit, calculate area using multiplication knowledge, equivalent fractions, adding fractions and exploring decimals on a place value grid. There will also be a big push with times tables during this half term. By the end of Y4, children are expected to know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12. Children in Y4TS will be focusing on all times tables this term to prepare for the times table check in June. We will complete TT Rockstars at least 3 times a week and welcome the children to practise these online at home weekly. Our times table check meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd February at 4:45pm.

Reading & Writing

Much of our English learning will be based around our class novel: The Firework-Maker's Daughter. Within this, we will cover a persuasive advert, instructions, non-chronological reports, Asian poetry, debate and a narrative. We will identify the features and build upon the skills needed to become successful writers, with a big focus on building stamina for writing. Spelling, punctuation and grammar skills will also be embedded.



We will continue our push on reading by encouraging our children to read 4 times per week at home. To continue our whole school approach on the importance of reading, children who do not read 4 times per week will be invited, during lunch time, to take part in quiet reading and complete their reading record.

Science

We will teach Science on a Friday. The topic we will all cover this term is Living Things –Plants and Earth and Space.

Y4s will complete a 2 week investigation into how soil composition can affect plant growth. We will work in groups to look after our plants and ensure we control all variables to investigate the impact soil composition has on plant growth. In addition, they will learn about the parts of a plant and present data in a range of forms.

For our Earth and Space topic, which will be in Spring 2, we will be learning about the Milky Way, the Moon cycle, orbital times of Moons in the Solar System, the main forces on Earth, rocket propulsion, the water cycle and changing state.



Art/DT

We will be developing our Art skills in a range of topic-related pieces that include paints, chalks and pencils. Our Art project this term is linked to Scandinavia. We will be creating a collage of mountain landscapes using a range of shading techniques and art materials.

French

French lessons are taught on a Tuesday by a French language specialist. Children learn through a mixture of live lessons on chrome books and then apply their new learning by completing online challenges and games.

Religion, Ethics & Philosophy

Children will continue to learn about 'Belonging' and 'Challenges religions face'.

PSHE

We deliver PSHE through the Jigsaw scheme. Our Spring term topics are 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'. We will be focusing on using perseverance when we find something challenging, working towards a set goal and how we can ensure we follow a healthy lifestyle and mind set.

History

Our history topic this term is the Anglo-Saxons. We will explore how the Anglo-Saxons have influenced life today. We will also learn about their way of living, the food they ate, homes they lived in and important events in Anglo Saxon times.

Geography

Within this curriculum area, we will explore Scandinavia. Our particular focus will be on the weather and climate, physical geography and trade links in the Scandinavian countries. We will then compare these to the UK.

PE

Children take part in Tennis outdoors on a Tuesday with Mrs Turton and Gymnastics indoors with Mr Inglis, our Trust PE Specialist. Can you please ensure that your child has their earrings removed (if this applies) and long hair is tied back. We ask that children keep their PE kit in school throughout the week in case PE days change, and that kit includes shorts, trousers, trainers, t-shirt and jacket/hoody.

Important dates:

Times Table Check Parent Meeting: 4:45pm Wednesday 2nd February