

Year 4 Newsletter March 2024

Welcome to the fourth newsletter of the academic year! It seems to be getting busier and busier as the year goes on but the children are thriving and working so hard. We have packed in a music workshop, class assemblies, Bikeability, World Book Day and the Easter Service alongside all our learning so are all ready for a break!

One of the highlights of this half term for the children has been the sculpture work completed in art. Carving with soap was enjoyed by many and also creating sculptures from shadows. In geography, we looked at where our food comes from and the children were fascinated by the number of miles some of our everyday food has travelled to get to us. It certainly gave the, food for thought!

We wish you all a happy and healthy Easter break and look forward to welcoming you back to school in April.

Mrs Cumberbeach and the year 4 team

Homework

All the children are now completing their weekly homework. Please remember that our expectations are

- CGP Maths book
- Times Table Rockstars 10 minutes practice per week
- Spelling practice – Weekly spelling list in their HSO
- SPAG.COM
- Reading 5/7 days to be recorded in their HSO along with a reflection from the reading target task.

Each task should last at least 10 minutes.

We also ask that you sign your child's HSO each week.

If you have any queries about homework, please email your class teacher.

Spring assessments

We have completed our Spring assessments, for reading, SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and maths using NTS formal assessments. Teachers will also be assessing writing using the independent writing activities which the children have already completed over the previous half term. As a school we use this information, along with in-class teacher judgements, to map out our future planning, intervention groups and highlight any gaps in knowledge which may need to be taught again.

Teachers and senior leadership (which includes Mr Stevenson, our Assistant Head Teacher with responsibility for inclusion and SEND) meet to discuss all children within our termly 'Pupil Progress Meetings'.

We will let you know how your child has performed through our parents' evening session, and also through our 'Snapshot reports' which will be sent directly to you as parents on 28th March 2024.

Book bands will also change if appropriate, based on these assessments.

Communication.

If you would like to contact your child's class teacher, please e-mail:

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Palm – Mrs Cumberbeach

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Pine- Miss Lines

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Parents evening Spring 2024

During week commencing 16th and 17th April 2024, each class teacher will be hosting a 10-minute parent consultation for you in school. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child.

Times Table Rockstars Competition results

Well done to Palm class!

 Palm 2023	567	Acer 2023	449	Pine 2023	258
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Hooke Court

There will be a short talk on Monday 3rd June at 2:30 in the hall to go over information about the residential trip.

Information will be uploaded to the year group page on the website as well.

WOW Work!

Every year group newsletter this year will include a piece of writing published from a child in our year group. It is a great way to showcase what we have been doing in school but also allow the children to see that their writing can have an audience.

This half term's work has been written by Laurie in Pine.

Day XIII November February
It was a remarkable day! I got a token to go to the amphitheatre to watch the ~~immense~~ ^{game} (the special game at the amphitheatre.) The Emperor gave us a treat to watch gladiators fighting to celebrate Dacian triumph. We left straight away to get there early. Then we saw the blood-soaked gladiators come out. Or the slaves have enough courage to even try?
After the crowd had calmed down, the roaring and cheering crowd made the gladiators braver and braver. The first gladiator was protected like a penguin with a sword as strong as gravity itself. On the other hand, the second gladiator only had an unimaginable and impractical net. That felt really unjust and unfair. The second gladiator had believed he could survive for a long time but...

Galloping forward, the first gladiator had adviced the second gladiator's net but then the first had started ~~make~~ ^{make} whirling around the other making him dizzy ~~then~~ ^{and} suddenly, struck the second in the heart. After I felt excited about the next match because of the crowd roaring with delight but I knew someone would probably die again.

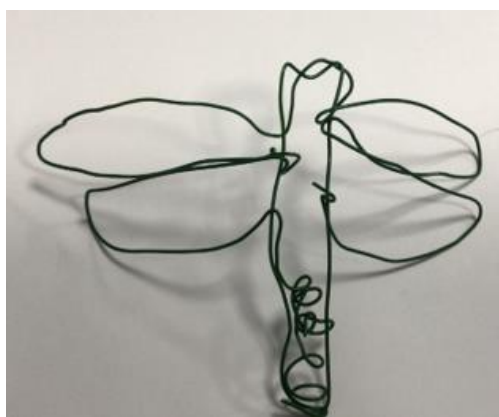
Summer 1 skills (Mondays)

Acer- PE with Mr Coles

Palm- Swimming with Mrs Tapley and Art with Mrs Dayekh

Pine- PE with Complete Coaching

Art gallery



Diary Dates

April	15th April: Children return to school 16th April: Parents' Evening 17th April: Parents' Evening 19th April: PTA bags to school collection w.c 22nd April: Book Fair 27th April: PTA Good as new sale
May	1st May: Whole School photo 6th May: Bank holiday 21st May: Music Concert (evening, time to be confirmed) 24th May: Last day of half term
June	3rd June: Return to school