

Zephaniah Class News

Welcome Back!

I hope you had a fabulous Easter break. It is lovely to see the children back rested and excited for their learning.

Our big question driving our learning this half term is 'How can we stay Healthy and Safe?' We will be basing a lot of our learning around our Science topic.

What we are learning....

Science

This half term we will be focussing on 'Working Scientifically'. We will be looking at different ways to investigate scientific questions, measure results, record data and explain what it shows by setting up practical investigations. We will be monitoring and observing over time as well as thinking about comparative and fair testing.

Maths

This half term we will be learning about Decimals. Our times tables will be particularly important for this work and it's important that we know all of them up to 12×12 . In addition, we will be working on our arithmetic skills and revisiting some of our trickier division work.

English

We enjoyed our last class novel 'The Castle of Inside Out' and will begin reading our next book, 'Corey's Rock' this week.

Our library day is Friday and each child will have the opportunity to change their reading for pleasure book if they would like to. This is also the day that we will change reading scheme books if your child has one of these.

Initially in our writing we will focus on descriptive writing and will write a detailed character description. We will also write

Homework

- It is important that your child practises their times tables at home, either on TT Rockstars or Purple Mash or even by writing them out or saying them out loud. By the end of Year 4, we need to be fluently recalling all our times tables facts and corresponding division facts all the way to 12×12 . Practising them at home for 10 minutes each day will help make maths easier for your child. If your child does not know them and has not been practising them, they will be invited to attend maths club on a Wednesday lunchtime in order to practise them.
- Another essential skill to practise at home is reading, whether it is the book they bring home from school or one you have at home. Again, little and often is the best way to help your child.
- Remember to practise your spellings on EdShed each week. I will set a new word list with challenges and games each week and will be monitoring who is



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accessing this at home. 10 minutes 3 times a week is ideal to support your child's spelling knowledge.

Messages

- Our P.E. sessions will now be on a Monday. Your child will either go swimming or participate in a P.E. lesson at school. All children should come in P.E. kit and, if they are going swimming, bring a towel and swimming kit.
- Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school, it is important that they keep hydrated throughout the day.
- Remember that Wednesday is our music lesson day. If your child has taken a ukulele home to practise, they need to bring it in each Wednesday.
- If your child has a reading scheme book, please bring it in to school each day as we will read with them throughout the week. These will be changed on a Friday.