



# Billie Jean-King Class - Year 4



Spring 1 - Newsletter



Welcome to the Spring 1 newsletter. I hope you have all had a joyous and restful Christmas.

The class teachers in year 4 are Mr Symes, Mrs Clark, and Mrs Parnaby. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to any of us before or after school. Thank you.

## Our Christian Values



Our Christian values this term are:  
Perseverance and Respect

## What are we Learning:

In English, we will be focusing more on our punctuation, especially using apostrophes and commas correctly. We will also be continuing to develop our sentence level writing by taking our time to pick the most effective vocabulary and sentence structure to create the greatest impact. We will be writing a range of text types, starting with a persuasive letter.

In maths, we are continuing with multiplication and division. We will be using our previously learnt times table knowledge to solve calculations such as a 2 digit number multiplied by a 1 digit number (e.g.  $25 \times 7$ ).

Then we will move onto calculating and understanding length and perimeter.

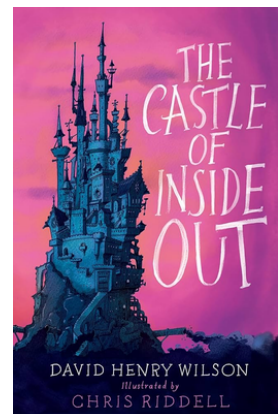
Our science topic will look at living things and their habitats. This will involve learning about animal characteristics and how we can group these. We will also focus on how habitats change and the issues this can cause.



## What are we Reading?

This term we will be reading *The Castle of Inside Out* by David Henry Wilson

We will also be reading a range of picture books and short texts linked to our science, geography and writing topics





# Homework

Each week, the homework expectation is:

- Complete the spelling assignment on EdShed.
- Complete 20 minutes per week on TTRockstars (practising all timestables.)
- To read each day, either their school book or a book of their choice.

There will be TTRockstars club on Thursday lunchtimes and Spelling club on Friday lunchtimes to help support anyone who cannot access the apps at home that week.

Children may be asked to attend the clubs if they do not do the homework.

If you have lost or cannot access EdShed or TTRockstars, please let me know as soon as possible.

## Upcoming dates

9th February - Young Voices concert

## PE and Music



PE will be on a Tuesday this year, so children will need to wear their PE kit that day.



Music will be on Wednesday afternoons, so children will need their instruments

## TTRockstars

Timestables are a big focus in year 4 and the children will be practising daily at school and have regular time on TTRockstars. Children are asked to spend time at home, practising these too. We will have a TTRockstar of the week for children who work extremely hard.

## Links and areas to support current learning.

- In English, we are focusing on correct use of apostrophes and commas. Here are some links to support with subject knowledge on this:

Apostrophes:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdstbtk>

Commas:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zc773k7#zpjfcxs>

- In maths, knowing their multiplication facts for 11 and 7 timestable is hugely beneficial, along with understanding how to multiply and divide by 10. Here are some links to help with this:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>