



John Muir Class - Year 4



Spring 1- Newsletter



Welcome to the Spring 1 newsletter. This new calendar year promises to be filled with new learning and new opportunities.

The teachers in year 4 are Mr Symes and Miss Jones. We will also have a student teacher, Miss Shillito, in the classroom until half term.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you.

Our Christian Values



Our Christian values this term are:

Perseverance
and Respect

What are we learning:

In English, we will be developing our writing skills through a balanced argument. We will be looking at national parks and whether you should be allowed to feed the animals in these parks. Then we will be writing a book review based on a book we will be reading in class.

This term we will be looking at using possessive apostrophes correctly and experimenting with complex, compound, and simple sentences.

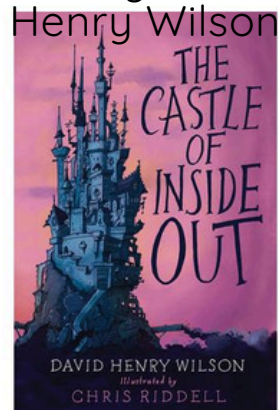
In maths, we will be continuing with our multiplication skills. We will be learning how to multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers by a 1 digit number using short multiplication. Then we will be learning how to divide larger numbers using a range of strategies.

After that, we will move onto investigating perimeter of various 2D shapes.

In science we will be learning about living things and how we can classify them. We will be using branching keys and key observations to determine what species and type the plants and animals are.

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, poetry and non-fiction texts linked to our geography, science and writing topics

Homework

Each week, the homework expectation is:

- Complete the spelling assignment on EdShed. This will be set each Friday, to be completed by the following Friday. 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.

Links and areas to support current learning.

Our key learning in maths this term are:

- 1) To know the multiplication and division facts for the 9 and 11 times table
- 2) To be able to multiply and divide 1 and 2 digit numbers by 10 and 100.

TTRockstars is a great resource for supporting times tables.

This link is to support with multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z2fkwx#zv42nk7>



Upcoming dates

28th January - Young Voices

11th February - Safer Internet Day

14th February - Break up for half term.

PE and Music



PE will be on Tuesdays this term, so children will need to be in their kit that day. Music will be on Wednesday afternoons, so they will need to bring their ukueles in each Wednesday.

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.