

Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 2023

General Information

Welcome back to the second half of our spring term! We are so impressed at how quickly everyone has settled back into our daily routine. There are lots of events happening around school and within year 4, such as our class assembly and parents' evening so keep your eyes peeled for more info!

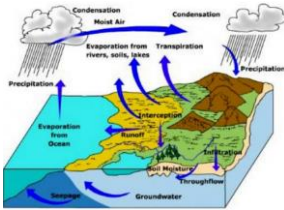
Teaching staff

Class 7 – Mr Cooper, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Evans and Miss Hadley.

Class 8 – Miss Lievesley and Ms Jones

What are we learning?

For History this term, we will continue to look at the **Roman Invasion of Britain** and how the Anglo-Saxons then began to influence Britain. The children loved learning about Boudicca and creating radio broadcasts based on her rebellion!



In Geography, we will be exploring the water cycle, weather and coastlines. During this topic, we will look at how humans make positive and negative impacts on our planet.

In PE, Class 7 have started their swimming lessons on Tuesdays. This will help them build their confidence in water. Class 8 will be focusing on fitness in school. Please make sure earrings are removed for PE (or covered with plasters if they are newly pierced).

English

This term in English, we have already created Boudicca themed radio broadcasts, created adverts for the bread we created last term and will be studying 'The Lighthouse' which is a high-quality video stimulus to help inspire children to use broad and varied vocabulary and use inference skills to describe characters. We will then spend the rest of the term studying 'A Bear Called Paddington', in which we create holiday brochures for Peru and look at the craft of writing good stories, with a clear beginning, middle and end.

What are we reading?

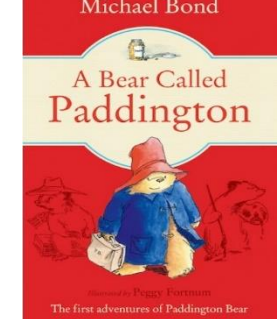
The Boy who Grew Dragons

By Andy Shepherd



A Bear Called

Paddington



Times Tables

In Year 4, children are assessed on their knowledge of the times tables up to 12 x 12. Children have opportunities to practise their times tables in school, at the beginning of every maths lesson and on the Times Table Rockstars app. However, we have seen the most improvement when children practise for short periods at home every day. We suggest that children practise for 5 minutes a day. This can be on the TTR app or through counting and quizzes from parents! Children may also be encouraged to play Numbots to increase their number bond fluency.

Science

This term, we will be learning teeth and the digestive system. This will include the different types of teeth and how to keep our teeth healthy. We will also be learning about the digestive system and what happens to food when it is in our bodies.

Homework

Homework is provided for maths and English each Friday and needs returning by the following Friday. Returned homework will be logged and kept in a folder with points awarded for those who are consistent with completing it. If your child needs any support, please speak to one of the Year 4 team. Please encourage your child to read as much as possible at home. Adding their reads into their diary independently is completely okay!

