

Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 2024

General Information

Welcome back after what we hope was a relaxing but fun-filled festive break! 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 this term, so please make sure you have the Dojo app installed as this is how we communicate a lot of our information and provide you with updates.

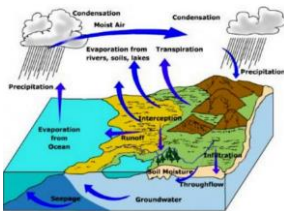
Teaching staff

Class 7 – Mr Cooper, Mrs Johnson (now working Mon and Tue, Thursday and Friday) and Miss Stribbling

Class 8 – Miss Lievesley and Ms Jones

What are we learning?

For History this term, we will start to look at the **Roman Invasion of Britain** and how this has impacted Britain.



In Geography, we will be exploring the water cycle, weather and coastlines. During this unit, we will also look at the positive and negative impacts that humans have on our planet.

In PE, Class 8 will continue to have swimming on Tuesdays until the February half term, when it will then be Class 7's turn for the rest of the academic year. Class 7 will be doing athletics this term. Please make sure earrings are removed for PE (or covered with plasters if they are newly pierced).

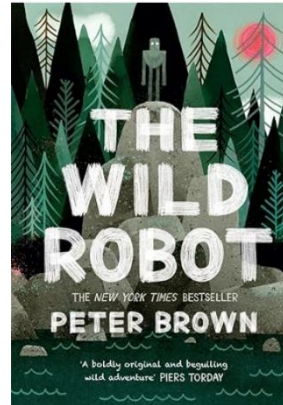
English

This term in English, we will be looking at how emotive language and angry imagery is used within literature, using the picture book 'The Dot' as a stimulus. We will then be focusing on Boudicca's rebellion, then creating 'radio broadcasts' to show off our growing knowledge of this subject. We will also be introducing children to the purpose of emails and showing them how to create these.

What are we reading?

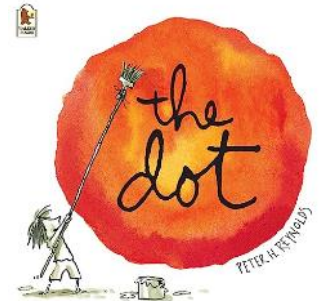
The Wild Robot

By Peter Brown



The Dot

By Peter H. Reynolds



Homework

Homework is provided for maths and English each Friday and needs returned 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!

Times Tables

In Year 4, all children across the country are required to complete a statutory assessment on their times tables knowledge, up to 12 x 12. Children have opportunities to practise their times tables in school, in maths lessons and on the Times Table Rockstars app. We have seen the most improvement when children also practise for short periods at home every day and we suggest that children practise for 5 minutes a day. This can be on the TTR app or through counting and quizzes from parents / carers! Children may also be encouraged to play Numbots to increase their number bond fluency. Further information will be posted on class Dojo, towards the end of this term.

Science

This term, our unit of learning is Living Things and their Habitats. We will be exploring the characteristics that all living things have in common, grouping and classifying living things as well as identifying the difference between predator and prey, alongside food chains and webs.

