

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term

Welcome to the Spring Term. This newsletter will give you an insight of what we will be learning. Please feel free to speak with us if you have any questions - year4@stmeryl.herts.sch.uk

Thank you for all your help and support so far this year. A date for your diary: Year 4's Spring Term Assembly will take place on

Thursday 5th February. Mrs Mehta and Mrs Clark



SCIENCE - During this term, Year 4 will be learning about electricity. This will include keeping safe, how it is produced, where it is used and how to build simple electric circuits.

SPANISH - Year 4 will continue to learn Spanish using the Speekee Spanish scheme of work.

PHSE - The focus for PSHE is 'Dreams and goals.' Children will be encouraged to set goals and the steps needed to meet them.

ENGLISH - In English, our focus includes stories with a theme, writing and performing play scripts and persuasive writing. We will use a variety of different texts for inspiration, including story books and poetry. This will include Alice in Wonderland to tie in with Dancing in P.E, which we will be doing later in the year.

MATHS - In Maths, we will focus on: negative numbers, multiplying and dividing numbers by 10 and 100 (including converting units of measure e.g. cm to metres), decimal numbers and how to use them in calculations. We will move on to formal methods of multiplication and division and fractions. We will also continue to focus on increasing fluency in the time tables up to 12x12.

HOMEWORK - will be given out every Friday and due in the following Wednesday. Late or incomplete homework will be recorded and parents will be invited to discuss with the class teacher how we can solve the problem.

There will be a spelling test **every Friday morning**. Spellings should be revised for **5-10 minutes** each night.

There will also be a times tables test every week. At this stage, the test is usually on a range of times tables and the test includes a timed element to assess fluency of the time table facts.

Reading books will be changed every Thursday. Parents are encouraged to ask questions about the plot and the characters to really get the children thinking and to check their understanding of the text. A comment should be written in their reading record.



MUSIC - The children will Compose and perform an original song about plastic pollution using researched facts. Children will work in groups to create a structured song and confidently record and present the performance using digital tools.

ART AND DESIGN - Year 4 will be painting with watercolours and drawing natural objects in our environment. If possible please send something in to protect your children's clothes.



HISTORY

Year Four are learning about Ancient Greece and the Maya civilisation. This continues this term's focus on South America (and Central America).

Re - This term we will be learning about Sikhism and make comparisons to other major religions.

COMPUTING

Year 4 will be completing their online safety unit then planning and making their own game.

GEOGRAPHY

Our topic is South America with a focus on the Amazon Rainforest and Brazil. We will learn about deforestation and the lives of people living in the Amazon.

PE - This term the children will be doing basketball on **Monday** afternoons and indoor sports on **Thursdays** afternoons.

During **all PE**, hair should also be tied back as part of our health and safety policy. Children must also make sure they have the correct footwear for indoor and outdoor PE.

