

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term

Welcome to the Summer 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. Our final class assembly will be on **Thursday, 7th May**.

Mrs Mehta, Mrs Viridi and Mrs Clark

ENGLISH - In English, our focus includes stories with a theme, writing and performing poetry and persuasive writing. We will use a variety of different texts for inspiration, including story books, letters and poetry. This will include Malala Magic Pen and Starbird.

MATHS - In Maths, we will focus on: Properties of Shape, perimeter, Time - converting 12 hour to 24 hour clock, statistics and roman numerals.
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 - Spelling will be given out every Friday

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. Children will need to log on to Timetable Rock Start and practice the sound check. As it is a simulation of Multiplication Check that will take place in June.

We expect pupils to read regularly, preferably with a parent. 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. Please ensure you sign the reading record every day.

SCIENCE - During this term, Year 4 will be learning about Animals including humans and Living thing and their habitats. We identify and sort invertebrates and vertebrates. As well as look at teeth and the digestive system.

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

PHSE - The focus for PSHE is Relationships and Changing Me. Children will be encouraged to understand how their bodies are changing.

MUSIC This term the children will be using YuStudio to create their own digital music. During Summer 2 the children will explore traditional songs and create a modern musical interpretation. The children will also learn song for the shine the light concert with the band from Electric Umbrella.

ART AND DESIGN

Year 4 will be exploring digital media and taking photo of the natural environment and also using the iPads to develop way in which the children create art.

GEOGRAPHY

Our topic is settlements with a focus on the importance of settlements and land use in the UK and around the world.

PE - This term the children will be doing athletics, dance and Gymnastics on Monday and swimming on Wednesday mornings.

Children will need to bring a towel, swimming hat and swim wear in a bag every week.

Please ensure the children have the correct footwear for indoor and outdoor PE.

HISTORY

Year Four are learning about Anglo Saxons and how they settled in small communities and established villages, farms and towns often near rivers for water and transport.

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

COMPUTING

Year 4 will be animations, investigating hardware and exploring AI.