

24th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers of all children in Year 4,

Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Spring 2023 2nd Half

Thank you for your continued support. At the end of this term the children will be performing in the lower junior production of 'Splash' (more details will follow later). We would really appreciate it if you could support your child if they have lines to learn.

We look forward to meeting you soon at parent consultations (7.3.23 – 9.3.23) where you will have the opportunity to discuss how your child is progressing in addition to identifying next steps to work on, both at school and home.

Maths

This term we will continue to prepare children for the online multiplication check in June (more detail will follow later). Please support your child at home with learning the multiplication and division facts for all tables up to 12x12 (e.g. $7 \times 4 = 28$, $4 \times 7 = 28$, $28 \div 7 = 4$, $28 \div 4 = 7$). In order to support them, children have login details to allow access to Times Tables Rockstars at home, using the website <https://ttrockstars.com>. We expect the children to practise for 15 minutes a day.

Reading

This term in Guided Reading we will be reading a wonderful book called 'A Dollop of Ghee and a Pot of Wisdom' by Chitra Soundar. We will be focusing on developing children's comprehension skills and extending their vocabulary. Your child will continue to bring home a book that they have chosen. Please read with your child at home on a daily basis and record a comment in their reading diaries. Book bags must be brought into school daily please. Children are expected to read at home for **at least 30 minutes a day**. Reading is monitored weekly. Children will be able to take Accelerated Reader quizzes in class and at home.

Spellings

Over this half term, we will continue to learn words from our personal and statutory spelling lists. We will also look at words with the prefix anti- and inter- (for example: international, anticlockwise) and words ending in '-cian', '-sion', '-tion' and '-ssion' (for example: magician, confusion, fiction, mission).

Home Learning

Please have a look at some starter ideas for projects that you could complete at home with your child. Completed projects can be sent into school with your child to be shared with the rest of the class.

PE

Please continue to send children into school in clothes that they can exercise in without the need to change for PE. On Tuesday's this half term, children will be doing dance so will need to make sure that they are suitably dressed as they will need to do this in bare feet. This term we will be continuing our swimming lessons at Kings Hedges Learner Pool, starting 23rd February. Children will need to have their **swimming kit in school every Thursday**. As the weather is changeable, please make sure your child wears a waterproof coat and has a pair of wellies at school to change into for the walk to the pool. Children will need to remove earrings for PE and long hair must be tied back. We believe that children can nearly always take part in a PE lesson in some capacity if they are able to attend school. Our policy is that children will take part in PE lessons unless a doctor's note advises in writing against it.

General reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings in their water bottle daily
- We have been advised to keep good levels of ventilation in school, so layers of clothing will be useful as the weather can be changeable.

Yours sincerely,
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Year 4 teachers