

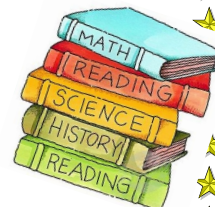
# What's happening in Year 4?

Summer Term 2023

Welcome back to the final term of Year 4! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The children are ready for another term of fun and have shown an excellent attitude to their learning already. They are looking forward to the new topics for this term.

We look forward to working with you again this term.

Mr Gooding, Mr Watson and Mrs Roberts



## What will your child be studying in Maths and English?



In **English**, we will be reading 'Journey to Jo'burg' by Beverley Naidoo. This is a story from another culture that describes life in South Africa during Apartheid. We will then continue studying texts from other cultures where we will use 'Tinga Tinga Tales' as a context to help us write play scripts. After half term, we will complete another book study where we will be reading 'The Sheep-pig' by Dick King-Smith. This will be a context to support us to write in a number of genres such as arguments and diary accounts.

In **Maths** this term we will begin by continuing our work on decimal numbers focusing on ordering them and rounding them. We will also be comparing decimal numbers up to 2 decimal places. We will then apply this learning to money where children will convert from pounds to pence. Later in the term, children will focus on telling the time using both analogue clocks and digital clocks. Further practise at home will benefit the children. After half term, children will focus on geometry, learning properties of 2d and 3d shapes and position and direction, where children will plot coordinates on a grid.



### Science

We will start the summer term learning about sound before moving on to learning about classification.

### Computing

We will be using scratch to build a maths game.

### Art

This half term we will be exploring pointillism where children will produce their own river scene using the pointillism technique.

### Design and Technology

The children will design their own pop-up book based on their own Tinga Tinga Tale from their English work. They will include moving mechanisms within this story. They will then use Crumble Software to produce a light project.

### History

We will begin a World War 2 topic where children will explore what Fareham was like during the War. They will learn about the impact on the local area, evacuation, rationing and what life was like to live in Fareham during the war.

### Music

Hampshire Music Service will be teaching the children how to play the keyboard.

### RE

We will be exploring the concepts of the symbols within religion, focusing on the symbol of the cross within Christianity. After half term, children will learn about the beliefs around Samsara in Hinduism.

### Games

For outside PE, Mrs Tata will teach the children the skills and techniques related to volleyball and athletics.

### PE

For indoor PE, Mr Artz will continue to teach the children teamwork and cooperation skills within a variety of fun games.

### For your information...

- **Reading**— Reading continues to have a huge focus in everything we do in year 4. As part of the children's homework, we expect the children to read at least 4 times a week, if possible with an adult. While children do not need to record their learning in a reading diary in year 4, it is still important that regular reading happens at home.
- **Times Tables**—This year the children in year 4 will be sitting their Multiplication Tables Check. This will happen in June. Further information will follow in the coming weeks. Fluency with their times tables will greatly benefit them as they enter into years 5 and 6. Please encourage your child to practise on Times Tables Rockstars weekly.
- **Home Learning**—Your child will continue to receive their home learning on a Friday which will be due in the following Wednesday. They will receive a weekly literacy based piece of home learning and a maths piece.