



# Year 4 Newsletter

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### Earning a Living

We hope that you have all had a well-earned rest and are looking forward to the half term ahead. It has been lovely to see some spring sunshine and we looking forward to warmer days! This term, we have some great learning planned for Year 4.

#### Reading

As a class, we will be reading Rudyard Kipling's 'Just So Stories' and 'drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying these inferences with evidence. In guided reading, we will continue to study a variety of fiction and non-fiction revisiting skills learnt so far and explaining the meaning of words.

#### Writing

In our writing, we will be expanding our range of literary devices and sentence openers to create our own 'Just So Stories'. We will also be working on our non-fiction writing. We will be developing our persuasive writing skills in order to produce an advert and write a persuasive letter.

#### Maths

This half term we be continuing our work on decimals, comparing and ordering decimals and making wholes with tenths and hundredths. Later, we will move on to money, including comparing amounts and problem solving. Finally, we will look at time, using both analogue and digital formats. We will also continue to work hard learning our times tables as knowing these is so important in helping us with all aspects of maths. [www.mathsframe.co.uk](http://www.mathsframe.co.uk) is a good resource for supporting at home with this.

#### Geography

We look at jobs in the UK and around the world. We will group jobs in to sectors and understand how some jobs are linked to natural resources. We will also look at children around the world who help their families to earn a living.

#### Science

In science, we will be learning about electricity. We will make simple electrical circuits and name the basic parts. We will also look at what make good conductors and insulators.

#### DT

This half term, we will be applying what we have learnt in science, to design, make and evaluate our own toy.

#### Computing

In Computing, we will be looking at what makes an excellent multimedia story?

#### Music

This half term, we will be listening to pop music. We will listen and appraise lots of different songs by The Beatles, particularly focussing on 'Blackbird' which we will learn to performs both vocally and on the glockenspiels. Y4FD will be continuing with their clarinet lessons.

#### PE

In PE, we will be looking at shape and balance in gymnastics and developing our striking and fielding skills in cricket.

#### RE

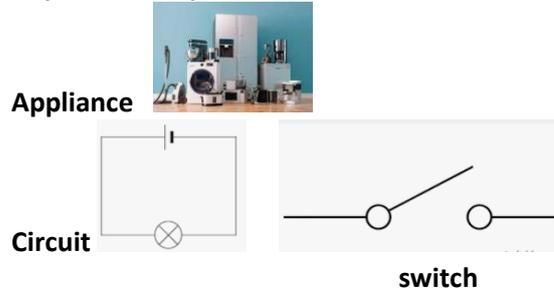
We will be thinking about stories of Moses, the Buddha, Jesus and Muhammad to explore how Jews, Christians and Muslims today celebrate key events from their history

#### PSHE

We will be looking at how our choices make a difference to others and the environment, as well as how to be caring and compassionate.

**Suggested Reading:** <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-4-pupils-ks2-age-8-9/>

#### Key Vocabulary



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Outdoor Learning Afternoon  
20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> May - Walk to school week

This information is for this half term only. For learning across the year, please refer to our website. If you have any questions or concerns, please pop and see us at pick up or contact the office who will forward your enquiry to us. We look forward to meeting you all at our parents' meetings over the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions, just let us know by emailing

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Best Wishes

The Year 4 team