Our PE this Half Term

This half term children will learn all the skills and moves they need to become confident dancers!

Please ensure your child arrives to school in their Nine Acres PE kit and appropriate footwear on **Tuesday's**.



Our Religious Education and World Views this Half Term

We are learning about the concept of worship, and in specific, Makar Sankranti - a Hindu festival celebrating harvest and the arrival of spring.

How can you help at home?

<u>Reading</u> - Please take time to read with your child at home as much as you can. We expect them to read at least 3 times each week at home which should be recorded in their reading log. This will be checked every Thursday.

<u>Maths</u> - Times tables - our aim is for all children to receive all of their times tables badges by the end of Year Four up to x12. We also have to undertake the Year 4 multiplication check in June 2024. See if you can practise at home. Play with money - sort, count, add, subtract, play shops - every little helps!

<u>Spelling</u> – The children have a dedicated year 3/4 spelling list that they should know by the end of the year. Why don't you see how many you know already?

<u>Homework</u> - will be given out on **Wednesdays** and will need to be returned by the following **Wednesday** please. This will include both English and Maths.

Dates for your Diary

<u>Tues 6th Feb 2024</u> - Safer Internet Day.

Thurs 8th Feb 2024 - Valentines Disco.

Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb 2024 - February Half Term.

Thurs 7th March 2024 - WORLD BOOK DAY.

Thurs 28th March 2024 - Early closing at 1.00pm.

<u>Fri 29th March 2024</u> - Good Friday - School closed to pupils.



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Year 4 Team







Dear Families.

Welcome back! We hope you and your family had an opportunity to recharge yourselves over the long break!

We have planned an exciting half term full of fun learning that will enable the children to continue to make rapid progress.

Please continue to help your children learn all their outstanding times tables facts - this is knowledge for life. We look forward to another successful half term with your wonderful children!

With thanks, The Year 4 Team.



Knowledge Organiser 'Striving for Excellence'



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Science

In Science this half term children will be taught about the different states of matter. They will learn to:

- compare and group materials together according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases.
- observe different states of matter and say whether they are solid, liquid or gas.
- observe that some materials change state when it has cooled or heated.
- identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.
- compare the evaporation of saltwater and freshwater.
- research a significant scientist.

<u>Art</u>

This term, Year 4 will be exploring the wood cut designs of John Muafangejo. They will draw from observation and create chine colle prints before designing sculptures of birds using wire and collage.



Music

Children will apply their previously learned knowledge and skills to create remixes.

They will learn what they are, how they are made, discuss typical instrumentation, discuss dubstep and explore on the iPad.

They will also:

- explore how the different drum parts within each genre, make them sound different, including different tempos
- Start to make their own remixes using a sample of classical music.
- use loops to build on the sample.



Our Maths this half term!

This half term children will be building on their previously gained knowledge of times tables facts to calculate length and perimeter, then to work with fractions. This will link to decimal numbers and

money, so it's essential that children learn their times tables by heart if they don't already know them.



Our English this half term!

This term's exciting book!!

In English this half term, the children will be writing their own poetry, describing a volcanic eruption and writing to inform. Through the writing journey the children will be developing correct uses of key Year 4 writing skills, such as: using a comma after a fronted adverbial, using subordinating conjunctions and co-ordinating conjunctions and writing similes to add further description by making comparisons. Additionally, as a year group, we will be working hard to improve our handwriting by focusing on joining letters correctly.

