

Year 4

Spring 1 Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new and exciting year. We hope you had an enjoyable festive season and would like to wish you a very happy new year. The Year Four team would also like to thank you for the well wishes and lovely gifts they received before the Christmas holiday.

Our topic this half term is Musical Mayhem. We have kicked off this thrilling topic with a fantastic visit to the National Science and Media Museum where we enjoyed the interactive science show Bring the Thunder, which let us walk in the footsteps of a sound engineer and explore the beautiful world of sound waves hidden in music.

The children will be exploring different genres of music and a variety of famous bands during this topic. Following on from this, we will be incorporating English, art, design and technology and computing when we create our own fictional bands, album artwork and musical instruments.

Our English work further embeds the musical theme. The children will be exploring song lyrics and looking at the ways poetic features and descriptive language are used to engage the listener. The children will also be using song lyrics as a focus for comprehension and word and sentence structure analysis. Within their band creation they will explore websites, press releases, gig reviews and much more!

In maths we will work on our written and mental calculations for multiplication and division and move on to fractions later in the half term. Learning more of our times tables will also feature in our maths lessons. Please could you support your child with their quick recall of the multiplication and division facts for the times tables they have already learnt and the new ones they will be mastering. The 9 and 7 times tables will be our main focus for learn by heart targets this half term along with a selection of spellings from the Year Four curriculum. Dates for homework are listed below.

In science we will be exploring sound. The children will learn about how sounds are made, how we hear sounds, what happens to sound as it travels and how sound can be changed. The children will have the opportunity to investigate how different instruments make sound before designing and creating their own instruments from household junk. Prepare for raids on your recycling bin!

PE will continue to take place on Tuesdays (indoors) with a focus on athletics and Fridays (outdoors) with hockey, weather permitting. If the weather prohibits outdoor PE the children will participate in an indoor alternative. We would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring children attend school in their PE kit on those days.

On the morning of **Friday 8th March** we will be presenting our work on our Musical Mayhem topic in assembly and holding an exhibition of our work afterwards, it would be fantastic if you could join us.

Kind regards,

The Year Four Learning Team

Home Work Dates		
	Book Home	Book returned to school
Learn By Heart	Friday 11 th January	Wednesday 23 rd Jan
Learn By Heart	Friday 25 th January	Wednesday 6 th Feb
Learning Log	Friday 8 th February	Monday 4 th March