



## **Year 4 Spring Term 2023 Information**

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child/children back after the Christmas Break. We are looking forward to an exciting Spring term in Year 4!

### **Literacy**

In the first half of spring term we will be reading and exploring the book 'Escape From Pompeii' by Christina Balit, with the final piece of writing giving the children an opportunity to write their own historical narrative. In Spring 2, our book will be 'When the Giant Stirred' by Celia Godkin where the children will build up to writing their own adventure story.

We will also continue with our school reading programme of 'Accelerated Reader.' Please remember children can access Accelerated Reader at home to take quizzes. We are happy to remind children of their logins, should this be necessary.

Spellings will continue to be stuck in your child's reading diary on a Monday for them to practise at home if they wish, ready for our weekly 'spelling quiz' the following Monday.

### **Reading books**

The children are expected to manage changing their books as and when they finish a book and have taken an AR quiz. The year 4 teachers and teaching assistants do monitor the children's quiz results and ensure they are taking quizzes regularly. Please also encourage your child to read any books or magazines at home. It all counts towards their reading. Don't forget about Oxford Reading Owl too where the children can read e-books.

### **Reading diaries**

We expect children to be reading at least 5 times a week at home. Please record the reading they are doing at home. Don't forget this includes any form of reading they do at home! Reading diaries will be looked at on a Monday, and house points given for the children who have read 5 times or more the previous week.

### **Maths**

In Maths, each lesson will begin with a Power Up that is designed to give the children a quick reminder of past learning. We then move on to the main focus of that day's lesson. This term our units will be Multiplication and division, Fractions, Measurement - Area and Decimals.

Please encourage your child to use **Times Tables Rockstars** as much as possible to practise their multiplication and division facts. Towards the end of Year 4, your child will need to take a short online test to check their times table knowledge (up to 12x12). This is a Department of

Education initiative to help schools identify pupils who have not mastered their times tables to enable additional support to be given.

## **Cornerstones**

This term, our class project is ***Misty Mountain, Winding River***. This Geography focused project teaches children about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world, including a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them.

## **Science**

Our Science projects this term are States of Matter and Grouping and Classifying.

### **Science Visits**

Wednesday 25th January - 4SD HCC Science Visit

Wednesday 8th February - 4GW HCC Science Visit

## **Jigsaw - PSHE**

This term in Jigsaw, our focus will be on 'Dreams and Goals' followed by 'Healthy Me'.

## **Outdoor Classroom**

### ***Spring 1***

Monday 6th February - 4GW/GA

Tuesday 7th February - 4SD

### ***Spring 2***

Tuesday 28th March - both classes

Letters will be sent out nearer the time giving further details

## **Key reminders**

***School uniform:*** Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform, ensuring they are wearing a **navy blue** jumper or cardigan. Please can we ask that children **do not wear hoodies**, as this is not part of our Littletown school uniform.

***Book Bags:*** Please send your child's book bag into school every day (with your child's Reading Record).

***Clothing:*** Please ensure **all items are named**, including PE kit and shoes.

***Water Bottles:*** Please ensure your child has a bottle of water (**not juice**) in the classroom for drinking throughout the day.

***Packed Lunches:*** We have peanut allergies in school, so we ask that no children have nuts or nut based snacks/spreads in their lunchboxes. We are a healthy school and ask that children do not bring in chocolates or sweets for lunch.

**School Dinners:** These must be booked by Friday midnight for the following week. If your child does not eat enough school lunch, we will send a note home to inform you.

**Medication:** Please let us know if your child has to take any prescribed medication at school. There is a green form for you to fill in so that we can administer it. We can only give prescribed medication and the medication must have the prescription label on. It is important that you phone the school if your child is off sick. If you have a medical appointment, please let the office know.

**Birthdays:** If it is your child's birthday they can come to school in their home clothes. Please do not bring cake/sweets in for other children.

**Toys:** We ask that toys/fidgets/valuables are not brought into school.

**P.E kits:** Please can your child come to school in the correct P.E kit in on P.E days (Thursdays and Fridays)

### **Key dates for the Spring term**

<b><u>Spring Term 2023</u></b>	
<b><u>Tuesday 3rd January</u></b>	<b><u>Term begins for children</u></b>
<b><u>13th – 17th February</u></b>	<b><u>Half Term (1 Week)</u></b>
<b><u>Friday 31st March</u></b>	<b><u>Term ends for children</u></b>

### **Class email addresses:**

Mrs Wright's/Mrs Arni's class: [class4gwga@littletown.devon.sch.uk](mailto:class4gwga@littletown.devon.sch.uk)

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Thank you for your support

The Year 4 Team