



SPRING TERM 1 YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

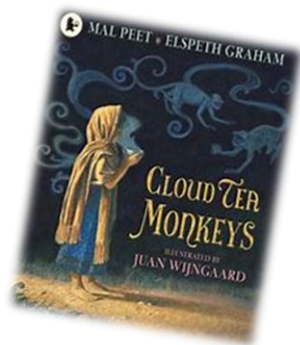
Mrs Lewis and Miss Ewart would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and welcome everyone back after the Christmas break. Let's hope you are all feeling re-energised and ready to learn!

English

This term we will be creating fiction and non-fiction texts related to our India topic.

Sea Prayer/Cloud Tea Monkeys.

In English, we are going to be studying texts from other cultures and we will read the story 'Sea Prayer' to begin with. The text focuses on the life of a refugee and links well with our 'Carry my Story' project. We will then move on to read 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' by Mal Peet. We will explore the cultural differences raised in the text. From our interpretations of the text we will create our own narrative.



Maths

Number - Multiplication and Division

Children will learn to multiply and divide using a range of methods and begin to use the inverse to fluently link the two operations.

Measurement - Perimeter and Area

Children will convert between different units of measure e.g. kilometre to metre, hour to minute. They will also measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure (including squares) in centimetres and metres. In addition to this, they will find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares.

Science

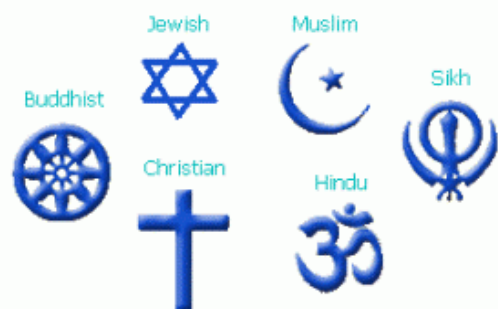
States of Matter

Children will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. They will observe that different materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure/research the temperature at which this occurs. As well as this, children will identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate this with temperature.

Religious Education

What faiths make up our community and how can we ensure that everyone belongs?

Children will describe and respond thoughtfully to lessons relating to the different faiths we have within our community. They will think about the groups within their community and how everybody is included regardless of faith and religion.



Computing

Programming - Repetition in Shapes

Pupils will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns. They will use Logo, a text-based programming language.

Geography

India

Children will compare parts of rural India to urban areas and think about the significant differences between India and the UK. We will study important Indian festivals and investigate the daily life of an Indian child.



PSHE

Carry My Story

Children will carry on with the project 'Carry my story' where they are learning about their identity along with the rest of Year 4. They are then sharing their story with a local school and wider community as well as hearing the story of others.

How you can help at home!

10 minutes reading 5 times weekly
Practice spellings daily on Spelling Shed
10 minutes TTRockstars (timestable practice) 3 times weekly.
MyMaths when appropriate - children will be notified.

ART

Children will be producing art through a technique called collography printing. Inspiration for their prints will come from India and the rangoli patterns. Children will design their own patterns for their press before the printing process.



Special Events this half term!

12.1.22 - Y4 Mosque visit
8.2.22 - Online Safety Day

Reminders!

P.E sessions take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Please make sure PE kits are in school and earrings are removed.

Breaktime snacks should consist of fruit, vegetables or yoghurt only - no cereal bars or crisps please.

Virtual Learning Environment

- Check out the VLE in the parents section of our school website and gain direct access to some useful websites and online learning tools!