

Year 4 Spring Term Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Here is some information about what we will be doing this term in Year 4. Please feel free to see us at any time if you have any questions or queries about it. We would love to see any home learning that your child does at home so please keep sending that. We will regularly update the class pages of the website to share our learning with you as well.

Our topic this term is '**Ghana**' and the Geography, Art, DT, Computing and English work we do will be related to this.

Geography - We will be looking at what the country of Ghana is like, including the climate, landscape and daily life. We will discover how cocoa beans are turned into chocolate and we will have the opportunity to take part in a 'Be a cocoa farmer' workshop with a visitor to school.

English - We will learn about the country of Ghana so that we can write our own reports. Then will learn some traditional African stories with a visit from Matthew Bellwood to re-tell them.

Design and Technology - We will be finding out about, designing and making our own Ghanaian inspired food.

Art - We will learn about Tinga-Tinga Art and create our own pieces.

In **Science** we will be learning about 'sound' this half term and next week we will have a visit from Sam 'The Sound Man' to help us explore this topic practically.

Home-school diaries

Please remember that all children should be using their home school diaries each week to record any learning they have done at home. These need to be brought into school each day as they may be used within lessons. Please record when your child has completed their reading, spellings and any other homework each week so we can celebrate this learning at school. Your child can record reading of their own books, library books or school books. We are really trying to promote a love of reading. If your child can't find their diary, then a new one can be purchased at the school office.

Homework

Spellings will be sent home every Monday to learn at home for a test in school on Friday. Please help your child to practise these everyday using the spelling sheets. Maths homework will be sent home on Mondays and will be expected to be returned completed by the following Monday. Please continue to encourage your child to access Times Table Rockstars, Hit the Button and Spelling Shed. We will continue to focus on learning multiplication and division facts off by heart this term ready for the National Test in June. Please keep working on these with your child.

PE and Swimming

PE will still be Tuesday and Swimming will still be Wednesday morning. (This starts again in week 2). Please remember to send your children in appropriate kit for PE and remember that these sessions may be outdoors. No jewellery including earrings should be worn for PE or swimming.

Your child should bring a water bottle with them each day and they can bring a piece of fruit to eat at playtimes. Thank you for all your support, Miss Callaby and Mr Graham.