



## Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

### Spring A

### Frozen



#### Our topic for this term is Frozen.

**English:** This half term we will use the text Ice Palace by Robert Swindells as a stimulus for our writing.

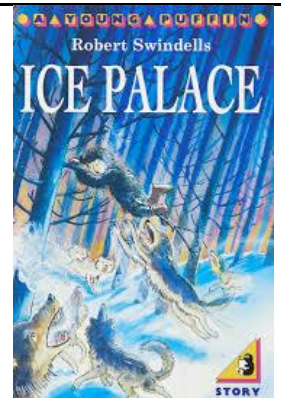
- Describe a winter scene and write a setting description of a cave.
- We will learn how to write a letter.
- Create a 'Wanted' poster.
- Write interview questions and answers.
- Write a character description, including thoughts and feelings.
- Write poetry in different styles.
- Plan and write a quest story

#### SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Focus:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Where a suffix is added to words ending in 'y' –</li><li>• Words ending in '-ious' and '-eous' –</li><li>• Words where 'au' makes an /or/ sound –</li><li>• Words ending in '-tion'</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adjectives</li><li>• Expanded noun phrases</li><li>• Paragraphs</li><li>• Fronted adverbials</li><li>• Adverbs to express manner.</li><li>• Punctuating direct speech and dialogue</li><li>• Determiners- 'a' and 'an'</li></ul> |
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**Reading:** Our reading focus is Ice Palace by Robert Swindells

Throughout this half term we will study the skills of reading, including retrieval and inference.



## Maths

In Maths, we will be learning how to apply the formal methods for multiplication and division alongside a practical approach. This will include column multiplication of 2-digits x 1 digit and 3-digits x 1 digit.

The 'bus stop' method will be used to support with 2-digit divided by 1 digit and 3-digit divided by 1 digit. This will also give plenty of opportunity for children to revise, consolidate and apply their multiplication tables to 12 x 12.

To further consolidate and apply multiplication and division, children will learn about length and perimeter with a focus on reasoning and problem solving.

Each week, children are given regular opportunities to practise timestables to 12 x 12 through use of recall activities, games and Times Table Rockstars. *Please support children at home with Times Table Rockstars, if you need any support or passwords, let your child's teacher know.*

## Foundation Subjects

**Science:** We will be investigating Living Things and their Habitats. Within this, we will explore food chains, using classification to group as well as learning about environments and their dangers.

**RSHE:** We will learn about internet safety and how images in the media can influence us. Children will discuss why images are edited such as for advertising, how digital images in the media can make us feel and how to keep themselves safe online with the use of digital images. This links with our Computing topic this half term.

**RE:** We will study The Five Pillars of Islam and Chinese New Year.

**Computing:** This topic links with our RSHE study of digital images. Children will learn how digital images can be edited, how they can be re-touched and how to recognise fake images. Children will use paint.net.

**French:** Children will learn language to describe their family tree and parts of the face, both verbally and in written form.

**Geography:** Children will explore Polar Regions by investigating human and physical features of The Arctic and Antarctica, investigating and comparing biomes, habitats and humanisation. Geographical features will be consolidated including longitude, latitude and atlas/map work.

## Maths-KIRFS

Each half term, children will focus on 2 Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) to practise and learn at home for the half term. They will also be available on our school website under the maths section and will be sent to parents and carers alongside the curriculum newsletter each term. The KIRFs include practical ideas to assist your child in grasping the key facts and contain helpful suggestions of ways in which you could make this learning interesting and relevant. They are not designed to be a time-consuming task and can be practised anywhere – in the car, walking to school, etc. Regular practice - little and often – helps children to retain these facts and keep their skills sharp. Throughout the half term, the KIRFs will also be practised in school and your child's teacher will assess whether they have been retained. KIRFS for all year groups.

### [Click here for more information on our Maths Curriculum and KIRFS](#)

KIRFS (Key Instant Recall Facts) for this term are:

- Counting in multiples of 1000 and 25 Also revisiting:
- Know number bonds (complements) of 100.
- Mentally calculate near doubles.
- Know multiplication and division facts for the 7 x table
- Know multiplication and division facts for the 12 x table

## Reminders

Reading books and records need to be in school daily – books will be changed twice weekly. Please comment when you read with your child, so we know to swap the book.

Spellings are issued on Mondays and tested the following Monday, with activities set on Spelling Shed.

Times tables are to be rehearsed on Times Table Rockstars: [www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com)

## PE days:

4H-Thursday and Friday,

4W-Monday and Friday

4CM-Wednesday and Friday

This half term, we will be continuing with Gymnastics and introducing Basketball. We will be using Get Set 4 PE to support with lessons, as well as Mr Cannon, our Sports Coach.

**Kit reminder:** Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school every day (Trainers are needed for both indoor and outdoor PE). PE kits will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed. Tape for earrings and hair bobbles are required as part of our health and safety policy.

### Contact Details

Please do contact us if you have any questions or require any further support.

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Please note that these emails are not checked daily. If your query is urgent, please call the school office on 01484 655800.

### Important Dates

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February- PTA Disco (see newsletter for more details)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – School CLOSED

