

Year 4 Summer 2 Newsletter

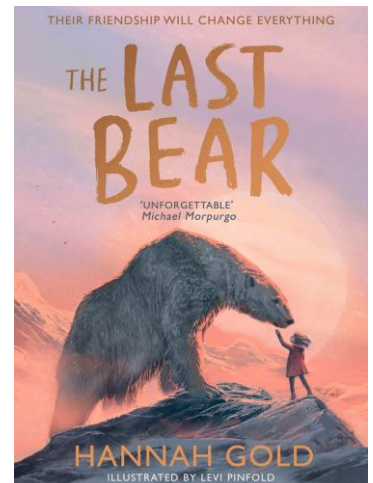
Dear Parents,

Unbelievably the final half term of the year is upon us already. We are very proud of the attitude shown by the children and all their hard work before half term. Year 4 have had a brilliant year so far and we are really looking forward to all we have planned in our final weeks.

The children will complete the statutory multiplication tables check during the second week of this half term. Therefore, we will continue to practise regularly to ensure that the children can recall all the times tables up to 12 x 12 quickly. We have been very impressed with the progress children have made in the past few weeks and with their determination to learn them all!

In our maths lessons this half term we will learn how to interpret and present data using graphs, including bar charts and time graphs. The children will also solve problems using information presented in bar charts, pictograms, tables and other graphs. They will begin to look at coordinates in the first quadrant, describe movements between positions and plot shapes on a grid.

For our narrative unit in English, Year 4 will be reading *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold, an inspiring story of adventure and environmental friendship. Through reading and discussing the text, children will develop their narrative writing skills by crafting their own stories about a child discovering an isolated polar bear. Along the way, they will learn key grammar concepts, including using commas after fronted adverbials, indicating possession with plural nouns, and punctuating direct speech. Each week will include focused grammar lessons followed by creative writing sessions to apply these skills. By the end of the unit, students will produce their own unique narratives, inspired by the themes and style of the book. Our non-narrative unit will be to create a newspaper article based on the exploration of Mount Everest.



In geography the children will continue to study mountains including locating a range of famous mountains and finding out some key facts. They will look in detail at Mount Everest and do some virtual fieldwork from Everest Base Camp.

In computing the children will learn the fundamentals of photo editing. In Spanish they will continue to learn vocabulary associated with the classroom. In DT their project will be to design and make a game with an electrical component.

In science we will be finishing our topic on states of matter and starting our new topic – living things and their habitats. This will include exploring and using classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. Recognising that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. We will also construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

In RE we will continue to learn about what faiths and beliefs can be found in our country and community.

In PE the children will be practising their athletics skills in preparation for sports day. The children will work on their running technique, javelin throwing, hurdle jumping and many other skills.

Swimming will continue to take place on Wednesdays until the penultimate week of term.

Thank you,

Mr Thompson and Mrs Arnott

Dates for diaries:

Friday 19th June: Key Stage 2 Sports Day 1.30-3.00pm

Friday 26th June: APPA Summer Fair 4.30-6.30pm

Friday 3rd July: Adel Primary Music Festival & Picnics on the field 10.30 -12.30pm