



Summer 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are ready for the start of the summer term. Here is a brief overview of the things your children will be learning about.

In English we will be using the book 'Survivors' by David Long to develop our own imagined recounts of survival in extraordinary circumstances. The book also has links to our geography topic about mountains. In addition to the recount the children will explore the question: "Should tourists be allowed to climb all mountains, or should some be off-limits?" They will learn about the benefits and challenges of mountain tourism, considering environmental, ethical, and economic perspectives. Through discussions, debates, and structured writing activities, they will develop key skills in reasoning, persuasive language, and balanced argument writing.

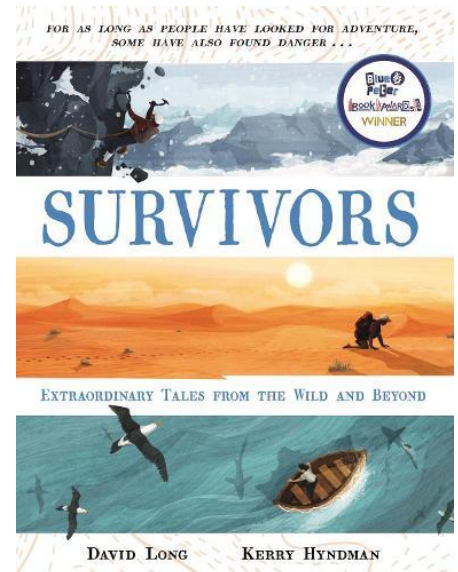
In our reading lessons we will continue to read 'The Spick and the Span.'

In maths we will start the half term continuing to look at decimals including finding the effect of dividing a one- or two-digit number by 10 and 100 and identifying the value of the digits in the answer as ones, tenths and hundredths. The children will round decimals with 1 decimal place to the nearest whole number and compare numbers with the same number of decimal places up to 2 decimal places. They will also solve simple measure and money problems involving fractions and decimals to 2 decimal places. They will also further their understanding of shape to include comparing and classifying geometric shapes, including quadrilaterals and triangles, based on their properties and sizes and identify acute and obtuse angles and compare and order angles up to two right angles by size.

The statutory multiplication tables check must be administered to all eligible year 4 pupils in June. Therefore, we will be regularly practising times tables in school and informally assessing the pupils' knowledge and recall of all times tables up to 12 x 12. Any practice that your child can do on Times Tables Rock Stars will be beneficial towards their ability to recall their times tables fluently.

In science we will finish the topic 'Human impact on the environment' and start our new topic called 'States of matter.' This will involve classifying materials, investigating melting, freezing, condensation and evaporation. The topic will involve lots of experiments, which the children always enjoy.

In geography, we will be focussing on mountains. Children will begin by learning what defines a mountain, identifying mountain ranges in the UK, and finding the Seven Summits on a world map. They will discover how mountains are formed through plate tectonics, including fold, fault-block, volcanic, and dome types. They will investigate mountain climates, understanding how altitude affects temperature, wildlife, and weather patterns, and consider what life is like for people living on mountains. The children will also locate the highest peaks and ranges in the UK using maps and atlases and discuss what is needed for a mountain expedition.



In RE we will be investigating 'How do the lives of Gurus inspire Sikh beliefs?'

PE will continue to take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please can you make sure your child wears their PE kit to school on these days. Please note that there will be no swimming during the first week of term, Year 4 will be attending a skipping festival on that Wednesday.

How you can help

We are continuing to set maths homework on Mathletics and spelling homework on Spelling Shed. Please continue to support your children in completing these activities and also encourage them to use Times Table Rockstars at home as well as regularly listening to them read (ideally at least 3 times per week). If you have any further questions about how you can help at home, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you,
Mr Thompson and Mrs Arnott

Dates for diaries:

Wednesday 22nd April – 12.30-4.15pm - Skipping Festival

Friday 24th April – 2.40-3.10pm – Class Assembly

Monday 4th May – School Closed – Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May – 3.10-4.30pm - Eid Bazaar