

Year 4 Spring Term Newsletter

We are already a few weeks into our Spring Term and the children have settled back into class amazingly after a lovely Christmas break. This newsletter is designed to give you details about your child's learning this term as well as other important information you need to be aware of. As always, please do not hesitate to speak to us with any questions or comments you may have.

Thank you, Mrs Frost and Mr Toone (Year 4 team).

What will my child be learning?

We are very lucky to have staff at Grace Mary whose expertise within certain subjects is very strong. Therefore, your child will be taught by lots of different staff during the year.

Subject	Spring term 1 topic	Spring term 2 topic	Who will teach the topic?
Humanities	Ancient Greece	Brazil	Mr Toone
Science	States of Matter		Mrs Frost
Art	Sculptural Project – Acropolis		Miss Flavell
Music	Planets Project	Drumming unit 2 – Country music focus	Mr Hayward
PE	Dance	Hockey	Mr Toone
HMHM	Online Relationships Children's' Mental Health Week	Mental Wellbeing and Resilience	Mrs Haywood
Computing	Spreadsheets	Logo	Mr Westwood
RE	Festivals	Christianity: Good Friday	Mrs Doswell

More detailed information about each subject, including English and Maths, can be found on the Grace Mary website.

What homework will my child get?

Maths - children will be set weekly homework on www.maths.co.uk

They will also have access to TTRockStars to secure timetables knowledge.

Reading - children are expected to read every day for at least 10 minutes. They will bring home books to read.

SPAG - homework will be set every two weeks on www.SPAG.com

Spellings - children will be sent home weekly spellings at the start of the half term to learn for a quiz on Fridays.

Self-quizzing – children will be encouraged to self-quiz using the knowledge organisers for Science and Humanities topics.

What other key information do I need to know?

PE days are on a **Wednesday** so please ensure your child has the expected kit. Book changing days are on a **Monday** so please send books and book bags in on this day only.

School doors open at 8.30am so please ensure that the children are in early as this will ensure a calm, relaxed start of the day.

Secure times tables knowledge is key for future success in Maths. Year 4 children will be preparing to take the Statutory Times Tables Check in the summer term. This on-screen tool (containing 25 questions) checks their ability to fluently recall times tables up to 12x12.

There is no 'pass mark' but higher scores indicate strong times tables knowledge. This check will allow us to identify pupils who need additional support in mastering their times tables in Upper Key Stage 2.