



Year 4 Summer 2 Newsletter Our Topic: Eureka!



Our learning last half term...



Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the warm weather over the half term break and feel rested and ready for our last half term of Year 4. Last half term, we were fully immersed in learning about Victorian life; we enjoyed finding out about the Industrial Revolution, the lives of Victorian children and how some incredible inventions were made. During our assemblies, we learnt about the pros and cons of the rapid growth of the British Empire. Our next topic links nicely to the Victorian era as we will be continuing our learning about amazing inventions.

ENGLISH

What we will do: We will be writing explanation texts about real-life and imaginary machines. We will be practising using a range of conjunctions, rhetorical questions and technical vocabulary. We will then be writing quest stories, where the main character embarks on a journey where they must overcome a challenge.

What you could do to support: Ask your child to invent a machine that would help out with household chores in your home. They could draw and label the machine before writing an explanation text about how it works. Google 'bbc bitesize explanation texts' for some top tips.

MATHS

What we will do: We will be revisiting learning on time, including hours, minutes and seconds; years, months, weeks and days; converting between analogue and digital times; reading and converting times using both the 12-hour and 24-hour clock.

What you could do to support: At regular intervals during the day, ask your child to read the time from an analogue clock. You could then ask them questions such as:

- What will the time be in 90 minutes?
- What was the time 20 minutes ago?
- How long is it until (bed time/we leave for school/midday)?

READING

Are you finding it difficult to find time for your child to read each day? Is reading competing with other activities such as watching TV or playing on a tablet/games console? Here are some tips to encourage a positive relationship between your child and reading.

- Visit a library once a fortnight and let your child choose a couple of books. That way, if they do not enjoy one, they have another to try.
- Be a reading role model. Whether it is a newspaper, magazine or book, let your child see you enjoy reading.

SCIENCE

Our Science topic is 'Animals, including humans'. We will be learning about the different types of teeth animals have and their purposes. We will also learn about the human digestive system with some messy experiments!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our focus will be on acts of worship and value in life, including Buddhism, Hinduism and Christianity.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

We will be designing and making a delicious pastry, considering the type of pastry, a healthy filling and the food miles the ingredients have travelled.

HISTORY

We will be using primary and secondary sources to investigate how inventions have changed life over time.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

We will be learning about the physical and mental changes that take place during puberty as well as how we can prepare ourselves for Year 5.

Outdoor PE – Tennis. We will be using the skills practised last term to play mini games in our House Teams.

Indoor PE – Paralympic Sports.

We will also practise our athletic skills ready for sports day.

Trips and events

Arts Weeks exhibition: 24th June after school.

Sports Day: Year 3 and 4: 7th July 2026

Drop in Parents Evening: 15th July

Last day of term: 17th July

Please check Weduc for more details.

Free online learning resources

Tate Kids (art)

Free drawing and painting games and personality quizzes on Tate Kids, Tate's site just for kids. Find out which artist, style, or character suits you best and explore the world of art.

DKfindout!

DKfindout! allows your child to search, learn, and explore information on a safe and secure site.

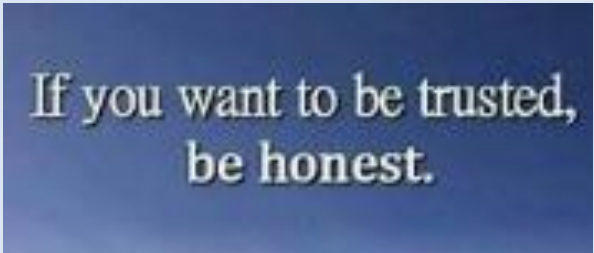
Chrome Music Lab

Chrome Music Lab is a website that makes learning music more accessible through fun, hands-on experiments.

Natural Geographic – Science Lab

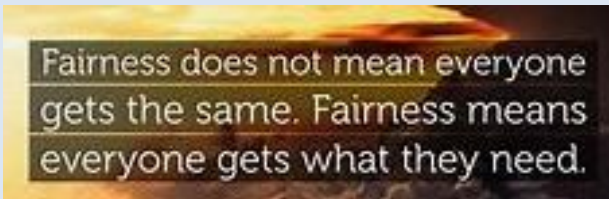
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Our Value for June is Equity



If you want to be trusted,
be honest.

Our Value for July is Patience



Fairness does not mean everyone
gets the same. Fairness means
everyone gets what they need.

Learning at Home

Children have access to a range of online platforms that will support their learning in key skills as well as with topics that they are learning currently in school. All children have their own log-ins for Times Tables Rock Stars as well as a school log-in for Linguascope.

If you need a reminder of your child's log-in details, please ask their teacher.