



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4 Term 5 2021/22

Hello everyone, this newsletter aims to give you an overview of the exciting learning we have planned for Term 5. We all hope you enjoyed a restful Easter break and have recharged your batteries for another eventful and exciting term! If you have any questions please speak with any member of the Senior Leadership Team or see your child's teacher at the end of the school day.

We would also like to remind our families that we are a nut-free school. Some of our children suffer with various allergies and so in order to keep everyone safe, we ask that you do not include food items containing nuts in your child's lunch box or as a break time snack.

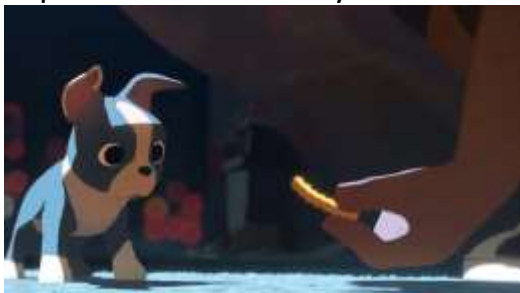
We would also like to reiterate that we encourage our KS2 children to bring in a **healthy snack** from home to have at break time. **This may include a piece of fruit or a cereal bar.** Other snacks (such as crisps, biscuits and chocolate) are only to be eaten at lunch time if they are brought in at all.

As a healthy school, we also ask that children are not given sweets in their packed lunches (such as Haribo) to eat during lunchtime. Thank you for your support with this.

English

In English this term, we will be basing our writing on the short Pixar film 'Feast'. We will be using the film to write our own narratives that follow the journey of a much loved dog called Winston.

We will be exploring how to construct simple, compound and complex sentences and explore the affect they have on their writing.



Maths

In maths this term, we will be revisiting some of our addition/subtraction topic learning using money. We will also be continuing to explore decimals, rounding them to the nearest whole number and counting forwards and backwards in decimals.

Lesson: Adding and Subtracting Money Amounts

▪ Line up the decimal points.	
▪ Include placeholder zeros if needed.	21.87
▪ Add or subtract as usual.	3.87
	+ 5.18
	30.92

We kindly ask that you read with your children at least 5 times a week. We ensure an adult reads with your child as often as possible in school but it is crucial that your child practises at home as well to develop their fluency, intonation and comprehension.

If you would like any information on how we teach these methods in class or guidance on how to support at home, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Spencer.

Foundation Subjects

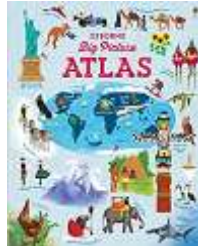
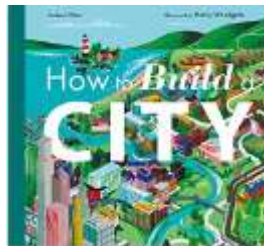
Our topic this term is “It’s electrifying!”

It’s an exciting topic where we will be learning all about electricity. We will be building circuits using bulbs, batteries and switches! We will also be exploring the role of conductors and insulators. In computing we will be learning how, why and when to use email. Using our online platform, Purple Mash, we will be sending and receiving emails. As geographers, we will be using maps and atlases to locate countries and capital cities. We will also look at counties in the UK. Finally, to end the term, we will be looking at the artwork created by Banksy. Then we will attempt to replicate it using spray paint and stencils!

Please refer to your child’s ‘It’s electrifying!’ knowledge organiser to better understand what your child is learning about in school.

Term 5 ‘It’s Electrifying!’ Reading Spine


These are a selection of books Year 4 children will be exploring during this topic. They have been carefully selected as high quality texts to support your child’s learning of the curriculum. We invite children to read these books during their free-reading time in school but you may also want to grab a copy for your own bookshelves at home!



Your child will be taking part in P.E on Tuesday and Thursday. We ask that children come to school dressed in their P.E kits on the days that they have P.E. We would like to remind our families that this involves wearing their teams coloured T-shirt (plain, no slogans), black/navy blue shorts or black/navy blue jogging bottoms and trainers/daps. Usual school sweatshirt/ cardigan can be worn with this – no other sweatshirts to be worn please. If you do not know which house your child is in, please email the class email address – asiaclass@sgmail.org.uk



We will continue to send home your child’s homework for the entire term. This will include the term’s spelling words/rules and Maths Instant Recall Facts. We would love to see any evidence of these activities in your homework books and **we will be asking for homework books to be brought back into school on Wednesday 25th May.** These will then be marked and returned to your child at the beginning of Term 6.

	<p>Also, we would like to remind you that your child is able to log on with their purple mash logins to complete any extra homework and practise their learning at home.</p>
	<p>Please ensure your child has a bottle of water at school every day. We do ask that the children are not given fruit juice/squash in these bottles. Also please make sure that their belongings including school uniform, PE kit, book bags, lunch boxes and water bottles are all clearly labelled with your child's name and class. We ask children not to bring toys or items from home into school unless invited to do so by their class teacher.</p>

Term 5 Key dates:

- **12th May – School Disco**
- **20th May – Spirituality Day**