



Watling Street School

Year 4 Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring Term in Year 4.

This term we will be learning all about:

Maths—In Maths this term we will be covering several different topics, including; number and place value, addition and subtraction, properties of shape, multiplication and division, length, area and perimeter, statistics and mass. With each topic will complete problem solving activities to apply these skills through different methods.

English—In English this term we will reading, investigating and writing a variety of different text types, including; newspaper reports through our non-fiction unit 'The most incredible sport' fantasy stories looking at an interesting story 'The Spiderwick Chronicles' and fairy tale poems. We are also taking part in a Spelling Bee each half term where the children volunteer to be contestant, judges or a member of a participating audience.

Cornerstones—Our Cornerstones topic this term is 'Misty Mountain Sierra' in which we will learn about mountain ranges across the world, how mountains were formed and famous mountaineers. We will design, create and evaluate a mountain range of our choosing adding detail and creativity.

Science—Our first Science topic will be 'Electricity' where we will investigate how circuits are created, exploring how we can add and change components and where circuits are used. Our second topic will be 'Grouping Living Things', we will learn all about how animals are classified according to their features.

RE—In RE this term we will be learning what it is like to be a Hindu and finding out all about their beliefs, practises and every day life. We will also start a second topic 'Finding reasons to care through religious stories', we will be looking at the links through religious stories told to teach lessons and morals.

Music—We will be continuing to have Mr Force for our 'Rock it' music this term. The children will develop their skills of playing a keyboard, ukulele, melodica and drum. The children also learn to sing in unison and as a solo singer.

Computing— Our first topic is 'We are toy designers'. The children will be looking at the design and process of making selected games, the children will then create their own game using 'Purple Mash'. The second topic is 'We are software developer', the children will learn how software is developed and how changes are made.

PE—Our topics for this term will be Dance and invasion games. Children will be able to express themselves through music and create a movement in pairs and larger groups. Through invasion games the children will learn how to use strategy and skills to defend and attack.

MFL— In French this term our first topic will be 'likes and dislikes.' We be learning phrases that express what we like and dislike in sport and in food. Another topic we will be looking at is 'hair and eyes'. We will describe our features through learned phrases and practise rehearsing them to our partners.

PSHE—Our first topic will be 'Me and my safety' where we look at the risks and hazards through different activities and how to keep safe. Then we will look at 'Healthy and happy me' where we look at how to keep ourselves healthy by avoiding harmful substances and understanding how viruses and bacteria can affect our health.

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Blended Learning on our VLE Page



www.watling-st.walsall.sch.uk

Remember we are using our whole school 'Blended Learning' to keep you informed of what we have been learning or what we will be learning in class. Make sure you log onto our Virtual Learning environment and into our class page. I will keep updating the page with lots of activities and links to the work we are doing in class as well as class information, examples of our class work and photos of some of the activities we take part in. There is also a link to PurpleMash which the children use for our Computing lessons and homework activities.

Family lunch

The children and I will look forward to seeing you all on Friday 2nd February at 12:20-1:00pm.



Safer Internet day—6th February

It is safer internet day on Tuesday 6th February. If you would like any information on keeping your children safe while using computers, tablets and the internet please use the links below:

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

www.saferinternet.org.uk

We will be holding our own Safer Internet day in school where the children will participate in e-safety activities and reflect on how important e-safety is.

