

# Year 4 Spring Term Curriculum

What a fantastic half term we had, learning all about the Romans through our class text “Roman Invasion”. We thoroughly enjoyed all of our learning, and hope you enjoyed our outcome displaying all of the children’s work. This half term, we are going to be developing our geography and science skills through our topic “Wild!” – We will be looking at human impact on the world and applying that knowledge to our local area.

## Spring 2 Curriculum – Wild!

This half term, the children will become Geographers and Scientists exploring the impact of humans on the natural world. Our learning begins with the half term homework, as the children will be creating an exhibition of their home learning on our first day back.

In Geography, we will be developing our map skills as well as building upon our learning about climates from Year 3, plus we are going to be finding out about human impact on the Amazon rainforest.

In Science, we will be exploring how animals can be classified in different ways as well as finding out about food chains and how changes in environments can have an impact on living things. Everyone will have an opportunity to undertake some Geography and Science fieldwork, too.

Our literacy journey will be based around the gorgeous book “Wild!” by Emily Hughes. We will be focussing on writing narratives to entertain with effective character and setting descriptions.

## Homework

**Maths** - Each week the children will be set times table homework which will always be online on Times Table Rock stars. The children’s username and password is noted in their planners. Children also have the option of a paper copy if they wish.

<https://trockstars.com/login>

**Spellings** –Please encourage the children to learn these spellings throughout the next few weeks ready for a test in the final week of the half term. This half terms spellings are below, and can also be found in the children’s planners.

**Reading**– Lots of effort stars were earned last half term because of super reading reflections! Children should be reading at home regularly and recording this in their planners. We expect the children to be reading at least four times per week and should be recording a reflection each time in their planners. Teachers will check planners each week in class.

## **PE**

**Indoor P.E:** Friday (all classes)

**Outdoor Games:** Tuesday (all classes)

Outdoor games for this term will be led by Team Spirit. This half term will be tennis skills.

During indoor PE, the children will be learning orienteering skills.

**P.E. Kit-** Please ensure that all children have a white coloured T- Shirt and black shorts; alternatively, they may wear a plain coloured T-Shirt representing their house colour. It is crucial that children have a lightweight rain jacket and warm clothing as Wednesday's lessons are outdoors. Long hair must always be tied up and all jewellery must be removed. If earrings cannot be removed, then they must be taped.

**Music** The In2music teachers will continue to teach their instruments. All classes will continue to take place during a Tuesday afternoon. Please make sure that instruments are in school for these lessons as we do not have any spare instruments.

## **Spring 2 Curriculum Spellings**

These can also be found in the children's planners.

<b>Probably</b>	<b>difficult</b>	<b>suppose</b>
	<b>minute</b>	<b>weight</b>
	<b>decide</b>	<b>interest</b>
<b>busy</b>	<b>reign</b>	<b>medicine</b>

## **Resources**

During the second half term of Summer, we will be starting our Design and Technology topic 'Rags to Riches'. If you have any spare fabric or recyclable materials, please could you send them into school. Thank you.

**Parent Helpers** Thank you to our parent helpers who come in each week to help children with reading. Do you have any spare time during school hours to help? The year 4 team would be extremely grateful to any family members willing to give up their time to help the children. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you can help.

We look forward to working with you and your children this term!

The Year 4 Team

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