

Year 4 Newsletter Spring Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring term at Maney Hill. Below is a brief overview of what the children will be learning about this term:

English: Our unit for English this half-term will have the theme of dragons. The children will discover myths and legends about dragons, those that play a role in Chinese culture and Viking dragon boats. They will look at dragon-themed poetry and enjoy the fantasy story *How to Train Your Dragon*. They will study vocabulary and language structure to write information and explanation texts, a diary entry in role, a play script and a free-verse poem.

Maths: The children will begin this term by learning about and then applying their knowledge of fractions to different problems. Throughout the term, they will develop and consolidate their mental and written methods for calculating addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will also recap how to tell the time and will consider a range of problems within the context of time.

Science: The two topics we will be learning about this term are 'Power it Up' and 'Living Things'. Through this, the children will become familiar with electricity and circuits and plant and animal biology. Within these topics, the children will complete a range of practical activities and experiments to develop their knowledge.

Topic: Our topic for the term is 'Meet the Greeks.' The children will research the climate, population, and location of Greece on a map and compare this with the UK. We will explore key dates from Ancient Greece and organise these into chronological order on a timeline. Furthermore, the children will be able to retell the story of the Trojan Horse, identify some characters of the Greek alphabet, explore the history of the Parthenon and sample some Greek foods.

Physical Education: P.E will take place on a Tuesday in which the children will choreograph traditional and modern dance routines. They will also have a session with an FA football coach on a Thursday.

Music: The children will receive whole class keyboard lessons which will take place for 1 hour each week.

Homework: This will be set every Friday, due in on the following Wednesday. One piece will be set each week, linking to the children's learning from the week. There will also be spellings and times tables sent home weekly. The intention is for the homework to take approximately 40 minutes. This is in addition to reading which should be encouraged on a daily basis and recorded in Reading Diaries. The children's Reading Diaries will be checked once a week and they will change their reading books in school on a Monday and Friday.

Diary Dates

- Year 4 Class Assembly – Thursday 8th March

Thank you for your support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

Miss Heath