

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a great break and are ready for more exciting learning! We are incredibly grateful for your *support and commitment to continuing your children's learning*. There will be a learning together session on Thursday 19th March from 8:45- 9:15. This half term will be focussed on geography, where we are studying natural resources, where they come from, how they are formed and the different ways they are used including renewable and non-renewable energy.

Reading:

We cannot emphasise enough the importance of reading to and with your child every day. Home *learning expectations* are '**Read Every School Day**'. Please support with reading to and with your child and write in their reading diary.

Fluency Targets- By the end of Year 4 children should be reading 130 words per minute.

This term, we are continuing our class reader: Toad Rage by Morris Gleitzman, as well as dipping into some other extracts and short texts to work on our comprehension skills including inference and summarising.



Writing: This term we are writing the for and against arguments for keeping animals in captivity, Children will have the opportunity to argue both sides of the discussion.

After that, we will be writing a character description based on the story of the Sea Dragon.

SPaG focus: Expanded noun phrases

Attendance – 97% is our MINIMUM expectation

It is vital children attend on time and gates open at 8.35. Children need to be in and ready for learning which starts at 8.45. We always complete our spellings at the start of the day. Children must be on time so they *don't miss this learning*.

PE Days: Mondays and Tuesdays

Your child must come in their PE kit on Monday and Tuesdays.

PE kit is:

Plain red t-shirt

NO BRANDED LOGOS

Remember to wear your school joggers.

No jewellery can be worn due to health and safety. Please remove earrings or ensure your child can.

If not, we have medical tape to cover them.



Science: This term in science we will be describing the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.

We will also look at food chains including predators and prey.

Key vocabulary: digest, oesophagus, intestine (large and small), rectum, stomach

Mathematics Learning: Fractions.

We will be starting the term continuing to learn about area and perimeter and how to calculate the total for different shapes. Then we will be moving on to fractions and how to add and subtract fractions.

X tables- We will continue to focus on our times tables this half term. It is expected for year 4 to be able to recall all times tables up to 12. You can use this website to help practise tests: <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Knowledge: Geography

This term we will be looking at natural resources. We will be learning about gas, coal, oil, wind and timber. We will be learning where these resources are found and the importance of trade.

Key Vocabulary: renewable non-renewable fossil fuels biomass conservation efficiency sustainability natural resource resources

