

## Year 4 Parent/Carer Newsletter - Spring Half Term 1

*The aim of our curriculum is to link much of the work around a theme, which makes learning more exciting and purposeful.*

### Science

Our Science focus will be on Electricity. We will begin by naming some common electrical appliances. We will then construct our own circuits, naming the key parts and saying whether the circuit is complete. By the end of the unit the children will know that a switch opens and closes a circuit and they will recognise some common conductors and insulators.

### Music

We will continue to learn how to play the ukulele and play along to a backing track. We will learn about the famous composer Tchaikovsky and listen to the music he wrote. We will also begin to recognise changes of rhythm and pitch using staff notation.

### English Work

Our English work this term will be based around the text 'Nim's Island'. We will be exploring the characters' emotions and feelings during the story and produce a diary entry from a character's perspective. After this, we will be looking at producing a non-fiction explanation text to develop our factual writing skills.

### French

This half term we will learn the alphabet and order food and drinks from a French café.

### Religious Education

This term we will learn how the Five Pillars guide Muslims.

### **Geography - Exploring Eastern Europe**

In this Geography topic, we will be locating Eastern Europe on the map, understanding the different countries that make up this part of the world, as well as focusing in on key places and climate. We will also be comparing a city in Eastern Europe with the United Kingdom.

### **History - Who ruled Britain after the Romans and how did Britain change?**

In History, we will continue to look at Britain, focusing on the Anglo-Saxons that followed the Roman rule in Britain and how this changed what Britain looked like.

### PSHE

In our PSHE lessons, we will be looking at democracy and government in our country. We will be exploring how different politicians get into power and how laws are made.

### Mathematics

We will concentrate on: Multiplication and division — including the grid and bus stop methods. We will also learn how to calculate the area of a given shape. When exploring number we will read, compare and make equivalent fractions.

### PE

We will continue with swimming classes as well as developing our teamwork skills in games. We will also create and perform our own dances, focusing on movement in response to music.

### Computing

This half term our focus will be on using spreadsheets to present data effectively.