

YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

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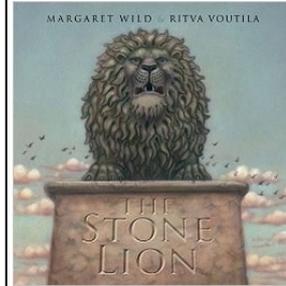
Welcome back after the half term break.

This week we have welcomed Mrs Stanton and Mrs Court into 4P and Mrs Smith into 4W. Mrs Irvine and Mrs Baker will continue teaching 4J. We have lots to look forward to over the coming weeks and all the Year 4 staff are excited to be working with the children on our new topic and extra-curricular activities.

The Stone Lion

This week we have received a 'newsround' message from the Ministry of Culture. A stone lion statue has gone missing in Trafalgar Square in London and we need to become experts in famous landmarks and statues around the world. Our first task has been to research world famous monuments, finding out where they are positioned, important statistics and historical facts about them. We have then used this information to write our own non-chronological report.

We are looking forward to our next commission...watch this space!



Important Dates:

Wednesday 2nd March — 4J Family assembly at 9.00am

Thursday 3rd March—Tea Day/World Book Day. Dress up as your favourite book character!

Friday 11th March—4P Family assembly at 9.00am

Monday 14th March—Pedestrian Training 4J

Tuesday 15th March—Pedestrian Training 4W

Friday 18th March—Sport Relief

Monday 21st March—Pedestrian Training 4P

Tuesday 22nd March—Pedestrian Training: all classes unescorted walk

Wednesday 23rd March—4W family assembly at 9.00am



Homework—One task from the grid must be chosen each week. This allows the children to have ownership and choose from creative, written and research tasks each week. Please return homework tasks each Wednesday.

Spellings—Please practise spellings thoroughly each week so the children are well prepared for their test every Friday.

Reading—Year 4 will visit the school library each Thursday so make sure you have your book ready to change if you have finished it.

Make sure you are reading at least 3 times a week and are recording this in your reading diary. Children who read 3 times a week every week for the half term will be entered into a raffle to win a new book of their choice!

Cross Country

Well done to all Year 4 pupils for their hard work and excellent effort in the Cross Country race. Congratulations to Alfie P, Noah, Enzo, Dylan, Asa, Brandon and Alfie A who finished in the top 12 and Betheny, Taylor, Jasmine, Ella, Zusa, Jessica M and Grace C who all finished in the top 16.

These pupils have now qualified to go through to the Redditch First School's final on 13th April. Good luck!

Targets

The children have been given their Reading, Writing and Maths targets for this half term. You can help them at home by:-

Reading: When reading at home, discuss the actions of the characters and consider reasons for their actions. Try using clues in the text to identify meaning.

Writing: Identify conjunctions (joining words such as and, but, so, if, when, because, however, therefore, although, consequently) when reading and then practice writing them in sentences. Listen out for these words also being used in speech.

Numeracy: Practice times tables facts. It is important the children can recall these facts quickly so regular practise is important. Try singing times tables songs or playing a tables bingo game.

PE

Monday—Indoor: Dance with coaches

Thursday—Outdoor: Tag Rugby

Please ensure the children have the correct kit in school.

Please make sure the children have a healthy break time snack and water bottle in school each day.

Think of the Month



Thank you so much to all the children who took the time to add their ideas to our think board. We have enjoyed reading them and discussing different opinions in class.

This month's think is...

If I borrow a million pounds, am I a millionaire?

When thinking about your response, consider:

*What do you think?

*Why do you think it?

*Can you give an example?

Answers on the Think board please!