



Year 4 Newsletter

Spring Term

Happy New Year!

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and have had the chance to eat your body weight in chocolate like me!

We have a very exciting term planned that begins with the history topic of **Ancient Greece**. After the half term break, we will move on to a geography-based topic called **Natural Disasters**. It sounds scary but I promise it's super interesting and a very important topic to learn about! It includes climate change and how we can help protect our planet!

Reminders

- **Reading and Times Tables Homework** – At least four times per week
- **Spelling Homework** – Complete weekly and hand in on Monday
- **TTRockStars** and **SpellingShed** can be used in homework BUT I still require a signature.

Student Teachers are Joining Us

We have two student teachers joining us in year 4 over the next two terms. They will be helping out with all matters in Year 4 and even teaching you some lessons. They will be training with us alongside Durham University for their PGCE teaching qualification.

School Shakespeare Foundation

As you already know, when in Year 4, you take part in a Shakespeare performance. This year, our play is Romeo and Juliet!

This is for parents and guardians! The performance is at the **Northern Stage** in **Newcastle** on **Tuesday 26th April at 7pm**. Please, if you can, come along to support. Tickets can be purchased for this amazing opportunity via the Northern Stage box office. We would love to see you there!

As part of the process, we will also be taking part in a Cast Workshop. This will be held at **school** on **Monday 14th February**. This ends at **5:30pm** therefore there will be a late pick up arrangement.

Further details, information and parental permission will be on ParentMail closer to the time.



Our New Novel

A new term brings with it a brand new novel! The Land of Roar, by Jenny McLachlan, is about the 'imaginary' adventures a set of twins used to have. Quickly, they begin to realise it may not have just been all in their heads. To save their Grandad, they must return to the 'imaginary' world and go on a final adventure.

While they're facing challenges in Roar, they are also facing challenges in the real world. The twins are about to begin secondary school and already, they are starting to worry!

Rewards Reminder

As a class, we are earning lots of money to spend on books so look out for our first trip to Waterstones in what feels like an extremely long time! Our Independence Champion will also be being rewarded with Buckbeak each week.

Afternoon Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Science</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>Music</u>	<u>RE</u>	<u>PE</u>
<u>Term One</u>	<u>Term One</u>	Learning how to play the Ukulele.	<u>Term One</u>	Dance and Gymnastics
Key classification groups and environmental change	Ancient Greece		Islam	(We also have an extra external coaching coming into school AFTER half term. Durham County Cricket Club will be coming in!)
<u>Term Two</u>	<u>Geography</u>	<u>PSHCE</u>	<u>Computing</u>	
The digestive system, teeth and food chains	<u>Term Two</u>	<u>Term One</u>	<u>Term Two</u>	
	Natural Disasters	How can our choices make a difference to others and the environment?	Spreadsheets and Writing for Different Audiences	
		<u>Term Two</u>		<u>Spanish</u>
		How can we manage our feelings?		Speaking, Listening and Writing Year 4 terminology

