

Year 4 Newsletter
Summer Term

Summer Time!

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely break and are full up from all the Easter eggs you received! This term we have two separate topics. In the first half term, we will be focusing on History as the subject and will be looking at the Victorian era. In the second half term, we will focus on the country Russia and will do this through geography lessons. If you have any knowledge or items that could contribute to these topics, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Weekly Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE - Dance and gymnastics combination continued and games after half term.	Science - We will be finishing our current Science topic of Living Things and their Habitats and then we will begin our final topic, Electricity.	Victorians in History (First half term)	RE - We will focus on Pilgrimages across many different religions. (First half term)	PSHCE - We will focus on what we do to keep safe and understanding risks. In the second half term, we will focus on first aid.
		Russia in Geography (Second half term)	Computing - Animation, effective searching and hardware investigators. (Second half term)	Spanish - This will be a vocab recap and simple sentence structure.

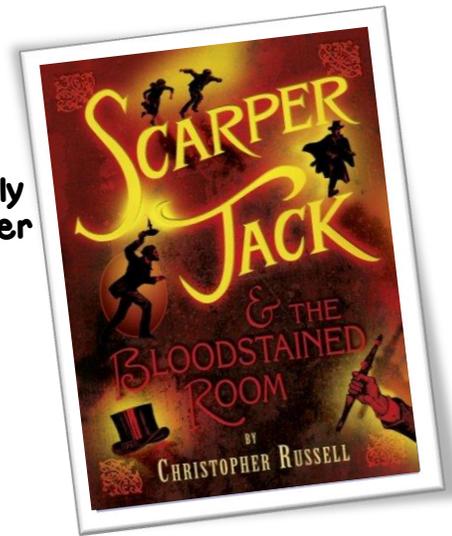
Science

Before Easter, we started the topic of Living Things and Their Habitats. We will continue this for a few more weeks. During these lessons, we may use the forest that is located at the bottom of our school field. Please feel free to send children's wellies in to school to stay in school for the next few weeks. When we are finished, I will ask them to take them home.

Scarper Jack and the Blood Stained Room

Set in the Victorian Era, this mysterious murder sees three unlikely friends work together to not only solve it, but to protect each other from being blamed. Jack is a young boy working as a chimney sweep when he hears two people talking. It's not small talk. It's a plot to kill! The two men are discussing the price of murder when Jack overhears the address at which the murder will take place. Quickly, he scrambles down the chimney and finds two unlikely companions that he confides in.

Will they solve the murder or will Jack take the fall?



Art and Design and Design and Technology will be taught through project days. In Art, we will look at two separate topics. The first will be natural sculptures, which is based upon Andy Goldsworthy's pieces. The second one will be cityscapes drawing. We will start with photography skills of different architecture in cities and then turn these into pencil pieces.

In DT, we will look at the different elements that make up product building. The children will be given a brief and will have to experiment with materials for their item, design their item accordingly and finally, make it. To finish, they will evaluate their product against the brief they were given at the beginning.

Dukeshouse!

As you are already aware, residential trips are making a comeback! The Dukeshouse Wood trip is going ahead in September. Although the Year 4 children will be in Year 5, I will still be going on the trip with the children. As part of their and your preparation for this trip, we will have a meeting after school where I will inform you and them about packing, a timetable and logistics. It will be best to have this meeting before the Summer holidays as there is little time between coming back in September and the trip.

Dates to follow...

Beamish Trip – This is to support our history topic, The Victorian Era.

First Aid Day – A day where children learn to be Mini Medics.

An OAA Trip – We will be going to Hardwick Park for the morning to take part in lots of adventurous activities.

Dukeshouse Wood Information Meeting – As explained above.

Warm Weather Warning! Maybe...

During the summer term, it is especially important for the children to have a water bottle in the classroom. In addition to water bottles, please feel free to send children with sun hats and sun cream. The sun cream can stay in their bags and children will be encouraged to put it on during very warm playtimes, lunchtimes and during any outdoor learning.