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**Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2A Year 4 Mrs Atkinson**

**English**

We will then be reading Michael Morpurgo's wonderful story 'The Butterfly Lion' as a class and looking at the settings, characters, language and messages within the book. We will be writing letters and diary entries as well as a non-chronological report and instructions. We will continue to work on grammar, punctuation and spelling alongside and using the book.

**Mathematics**

We will be continuing our work on multiplication and division—extending our times table knowledge into multiplying more than two numbers and working in a more formal way (multiplying and dividing by one digit, two digits and finding efficient ways to solve problems.) As discussed at parent evening, it is vital your child practices their times tables everyday.

**Science—Sound**

We will be learning:

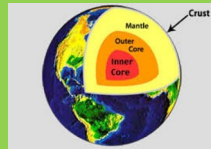
- How sounds are made through vibrations.
- How we hear sounds (structure of the ear)
- To look for patterns in pitch and the object that produces the sound,
- To look for patterns between the volume of the sound and the strength of the vibrations.
- How sound becomes fainter the further away
- How to investigate and report the results of sound proofing.



**Geography**

We will be learning:

- To further understand the structure of the Earth.
- About the continental plates and the causes of an earthquake and tsunami.
- About the effects on the environment and population of an earthquake.



**Spanish**

We will be learning:

- To revise the phonics used in Spanish speech.
- To retell a familiar fairy story in Spanish. (Goldilocks and the Three Bears)



**DT**

We will be learning:

- How to research, design, make and review a purse for holding coins.
- How to join material using a variety of stitches and add decoration using sewing.
- How to make efficient fasteners.



**PE**



We will be learning a variety of dance skills based on the unit of work "Round the Clock".

We will also be further developing our games skills through '3 touch ball' using our feet rather than our hands.

We will not be swimming until further notice.

**RE**

We will be learning:

- About Christian beliefs.
- Who Jesus was and where he came from.
- How the stories of Jesus help Christians in their daily life.



**Useful Information**

What can you do to help your child?

Reading and practicing spellings a little each day really helps.

We can't emphasize enough how important it is for the children to know their times tables - ask them to recite them to you, and sing the songs they've learned.

**Online Resources**

Your child has login details for each one:

**TTRock Stars**

**Edshed**

**Conquer Maths**

Please sign your child's reading diary when they read at home - the children who do read at home are given stamps which accrue for a lucky draw! The benefits of reading regularly at home are enormous.

Please ensure children's reading books and reading records are in school every day. Thank you!

We have PE on a Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure PE kits are in school and earrings are removed before school PE mornings.



**Our class novel**

