



Year 4 Newsletter Summer 1

Welcome back from the Easter holidays. We hope you all had a lovely break and are ready to work hard again. We have lots more exciting learning opportunities to explore this half term in the run up to summer.

LITERACY

This half term in Literacy, Year 4 will be focusing on 'The Boy who harnessed the Wind.' Our fiction writing will focus on writing stories from other cultures as our book this half term is set in a small village in Malawi. We will zoom in on the text to complete different pieces of writing such as character and setting descriptions.

Our non-fiction writing will also focus on 'The Boy who harnessed the Wind' where children will have to write a newspaper report of the boy's success at the end of the learning journey.

To complete our texts, we will use the talk for writing scheme where children internalise and text map so they can use the appropriate language for the text type. To help your child, you could ask them about their text map as we are on our learning journey.

Homework for English will be set weekly. The children will be expected to learn their spellings and to complete a reading comprehension each week. Please encourage your child to read their Accelerated Reader book for at least 20 minutes a day, we ask that you sign the reading record at the end of each week to confirm that your child has read for 20 minutes each night. The reading record and their Accelerated Reader book should be brought to school each day.

Key vocabulary:

Figurative language, such as: similes, metaphors, personification.

Varied sentence openers, fronted adverbials, reported and direct speech, inverted commas, semi-colons, parenthesis, brackets, dashes, paragraphs and legible, joined handwriting.

Mathematics

Throughout Year 4, the children will be working on groups of objectives linked to the following strands:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions and Decimals
 - Measurement
- Geometry (Position and Direction)
- Statistics (Data Handling)

This half term we will be continuing our work with decimals, focusing on dividing decimals. Following this, we will be looking at statistics - how to gather data and put the data into bar graphs, pie charts and pictograms.

As always, we will also be completing times table rock stars every week. You can help your child succeed, increase their confidence and knowledge of times table and division facts by practising them daily.

Key vocabulary:

Place value, decimal, equivalent fraction, pictogram, interpret, bar chart, table, data, compare, axis.



SCIENCE

In science, children will be focusing on electricity. They are going to be learning how to identify different appliances that run on electricity. As well as this, they will be constructing simple electrical circuits, identifying and naming the basic parts.

Key Vocabulary:

Electricity, circuit, appliances, bulb, battery, motor, wire, cell.





Other Curriculum Areas

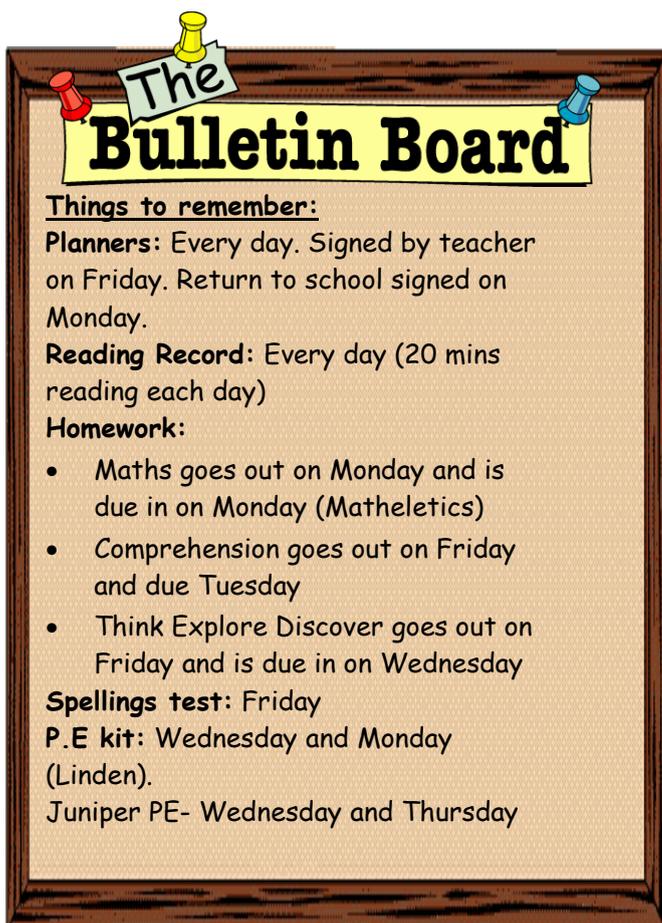
PE - Rounders and Tennis

RE - We will cover some festivals that use light as a symbol as well as looking at the faiths which make our community along with words of wisdom that guide and inspire us.

PSHE - Shakespeare, Passover, British values and bullying.

Music - Charanga.

Computing - PowerPoints based on our topic of electricity and sustainability.



The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

Planners: Every day. Signed by teacher on Friday. Return to school signed on Monday.

Reading Record: Every day (20 mins reading each day)

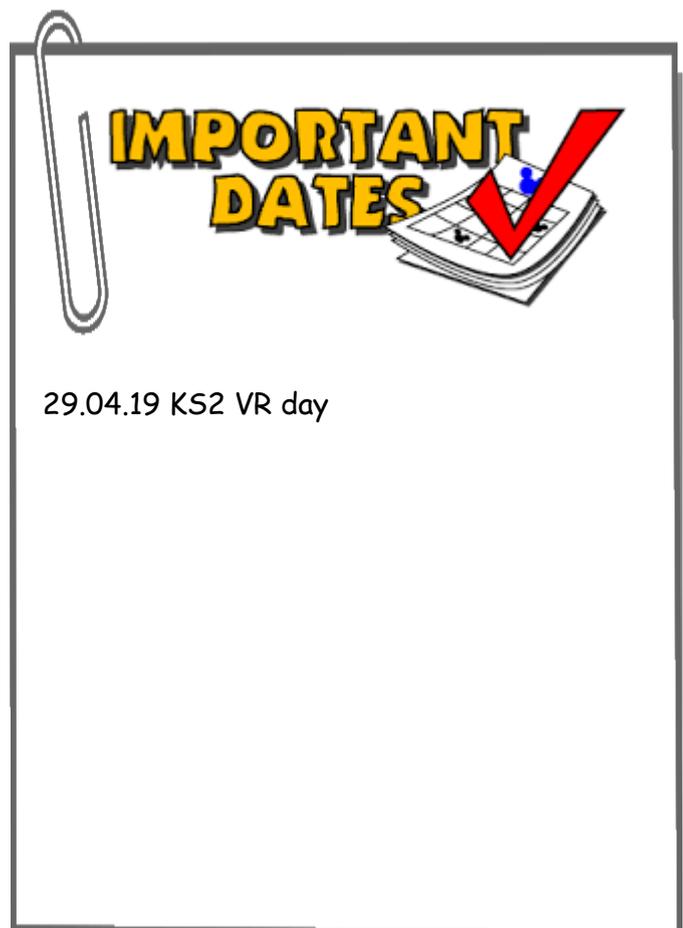
Homework:

- Maths goes out on Monday and is due in on Monday (Mathletics)
- Comprehension goes out on Friday and due Tuesday
- Think Explore Discover goes out on Friday and is due in on Wednesday

Spellings test: Friday

P.E kit: Wednesday and Monday (Linden).

Juniper PE- Wednesday and Thursday



IMPORTANT DATES

29.04.19 KS2 VR day

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>

Literacy link:

E-safety link: <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

Science app:

History link: <http://www.elizabethan-era.org.uk/>



It's Electric!

This half term, our topic will be linked to electricity and sustainability.



Electricity

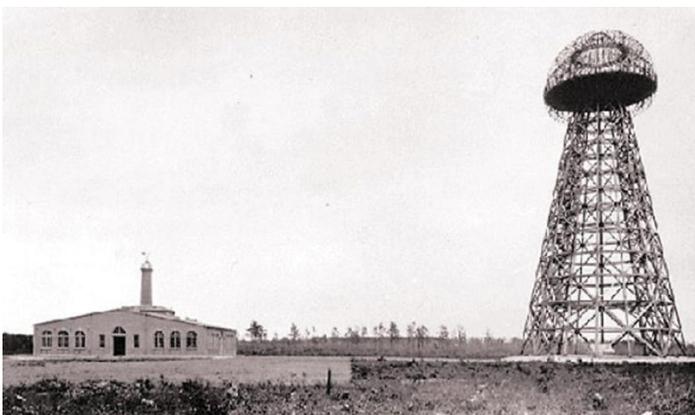
For our science lessons, we will be learning all about electricity. To begin with, our focus will be on different appliances that use electricity before we look at beginning to identify the different parts of a circuit and what they are there for. We will then become scientists and build our own mini circuits!

For our homework project this half term, the aim is to create our own wind turbine, or another renewable energy source model.

In computing, our focus will be on our PowerPoint skills and how we can research our own information on electricity and sustainability and how to put that information into a PowerPoint.

Sustainability

In Think, Explore, Discover we will be focusing on sustainability around the world. How are different countries making themselves more sustainable? There will also be a focus on local wind farms and where they are located as well as where we could put sustainable energy projects. We will be addressing the question: which city/country uses the most electricity?



How has electricity changed over time?

In our history lessons this half term, we will be looking at how electricity has changed over time. Is it the same today as it was 100 years ago? What has changed and how? We will imagine what life was like without any electricity.