

YEAR FOUR'S HALF-TERMLY NEWSLETTER – Spring 2

Welcome back, I hope you have all enjoyed some family time during our February half term holiday. Last term was excellent and I am looking forward to getting to know your children further over the rest of the year. Please check our school website for further information on what your children will learn this half term, along with this newsletter and spellings.

Home Learning

As always, we continue to prioritise reading at home. We ask that pupils read at least five times a week at home. We understand that it is not always possible for pupils to read with an adult every time so we also encourage independent reading. Please can an adult sign their child's reading journal when they have read. If your child is reading a book from home these can also be written into their diaries as evidence.

Most children are now in a good routine with our 'Accelerated Readers' with children completing quizzes in school when they have finished a book. This is a great way of ensuring children keep up with the progression and enjoyment of reading. We will complete another STAR reading assessment in the coming weeks to give the children an updated ZPD.

Spellings for this half term have been sent home and a copy can be found online.

Children are also encouraged to use Times Table Rockstars regularly at home. This is a fun but effective way for children to quickly improve their times tables fluency. Please try and make sure children access this as regularly as possible ahead of the statutory Y4 times table test in June. As mentioned on Seesaw, TT Rockstars recommends at least 21 minutes of practise per week. Please encourage your children wherever possible. Not only will this prepare them for the multiplication, but all further maths that they will learn.

We encourage pupils to complete at least one activity from the online home learning menu per half term to further their learning at home, this half term it will be Science. We will dedicate time at the end of the half term to share and celebrate any work completed from the menus. Work can either be brought in or submitted on Seesaw.

PE

We will continue to have P.E. on Tuesdays and the children can continue coming to school in their kit on this day.



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Upcoming trip - London

During the summer term one of our Geography units is about the South East and London. As part of our 'Five Be' experiences we are currently planning a day trip for the class to visit our capital city towards the end of May. This trip was a huge success last year, with pupils enjoying the London Eye, a river cruise and The Tower of London. We will endeavour to try and keep costs down wherever possible. We will be in touch soon with further information.

Please let us know if you have any worries, concerns or just something you would like to discuss and thank you all for your continued support.

Miss Murphy



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Year Four Curriculum Map

In the Spring 2 term, we will be learning about:

Maths In Maths we will be continuing our unit on graphs and data handling. We will then move onto learning about fractions, including equivalent fractions, improper fractions, mixed numbers, adding and subtracting fractions. We will also continue with lots of discrete times table practise, ahead of the Y4 Time Tables test next summer.	English In English we will be reading Carol Ann Duffy's 'The Lost Happy Endings'. This will be the stimulus for a twisted narrative and a persuasive letter. We will immerse ourselves in and analyse the text, gathering key vocabulary and grammar knowledge before planning and writing our own work. Our whole class guided reading sessions will continue to focus on a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction texts.	RE In RE, we will be 'Exploring Easter as a story of betrayal and trust.' This theme will allow children to: - reflect upon the importance of power and the effect of betrayal, trust and forgiveness. - deepen their understanding of the concept of salvation. - focus on the significance of the incidents of betrayal and trust in the Easter story.
History In History, our new topic will be: 'Charles II Plague and Fire.' We will be learning about: - The restoration of Charles II - The Royal Society - The Great Plague - The Great Fire of London - The rebuilding of London and Christopher Wren	Geography In Geography, we will continue with our learning about Eastern Europe. We will learn about: - Key Places in Eastern Europe - The climate of Eastern Europe - Russia - Compare and contrast physical features of Moscow and the UK	Science In Science this half term we will be learning all about Sound. Focusing on: - How sound is produced. - How sound travels through the air. - The difference between pitch and volume. - How the ear works.
PE We will continue our gymnastics unit before beginning our rounders unit outside.	Art In Art this half term we will commence a new unit on Space. This is to include: - How artists create the illusion of 3D. - How depth is created through foreground, middle ground and background. - How colour can create depth.	PHSE In PHSE, we will be looking at our 'Heart Smart' scheme. We will cover lessons on our unit 'Fake is a Mistake'.

Don't forget you can practise your French skills using the pupil area on Language Angels: <https://www.languageangels.com>



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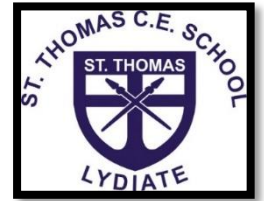
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Home Learning Menu



Science through Art!

Show your Science knowledge through art. Be inspired by these examples of Sound as an Art form. Can you create your own Sound Art?

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/what-is/sound-art>



Time to Teach

Can you teach others about how Sound is created? Make a video or cartoon strip explaining how it works. Can you include our Star words and actions? Model and explain these in your video or in your lessons to others.



Ready to Report

Create a report about the Concord supersonic aeroplane. See if you can find out: How fast was it? Who invented it? How did it change air travel?



Investigate

In 2014 Felix Baumgartner became the first person to freefall faster than the speed of sound. How did he achieve this feat? Investigate and write a newspaper article or video report containing all the details.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJxsj5ld-Pk>

Have it your own way!

Or you can do it your way! Explore the topic of Sound further in any way you choose.

Year 4 – Home/School Spellings – Spring 2

Below are our home spellings for this half term, tests will continue to be on a Friday. We are also encouraging the children to access Times Tables Rock stars at home more regularly now ahead of the times tables test in June.

You can find copies of these spellings on our class webpage.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Week comm	19th February	26th February	4th March	11th March	18th March	25th March
Focus	Year 4 statutory spelling words	Prefaces 'anti' 'inter'	Prefaces 'anti' 'inter'	Endings 'cian', 'tion',	Endings 'sion', 'sion',	Year 4 statutory spelling words
Times tables focus	1. promise 2. recent 3. regular 4. remember 5. sentence 6. separate 7. special 8. straight 9. strength 10. suppose	1. international 2. intercept 3. intergalactic 4. interpersonal 5. interview 6. intervene 7. antibiotic 8. antidote 9. surprise 10. therefore	1. interrupt 2. interject 3. intervene 4. intercept 5. international 6. antibiotic 7. antihistamine 8. antihero 9. various 10. address	1. physician 2. optician 3. magician 4. politician 5. electrician 6. faction 7. fraction 8. direction 9. believe 10. calendar	1. extension 2. collusion 3. confusion 4. exclusion 5. transfusion 6. explosion 7. profession 8. session 9. mission 10. percussion	1. certain 2. continue 3. exercise 4. experience 5. experiment 6. famous 7. favourite 8. February 9. Forward 10. grammar
	X6	X7	X9	X12	X8	Mixed