

YEAR FOUR'S HALF-TERMLY NEWSLETTER – Summer 1

Welcome back to our final term of Year Four! We have lots of exciting things planned leading into the summer term, especially our trip to London, which we know the children are very excited about already! We have updated the school website with key information for this half term, including spelling lists, knowledge organisers and curriculum overviews.

The children will continue to be taught by Mrs Shaw on Fridays.

Home Learning

A reminder that we continue to ask that pupils read at least five times a week at home. Independent reading should be encouraged for Year 4 children but it is also important for them to continue to read with adults where possible. Please can an adult sign their child's reading journal when they have read.

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

A copy of our home learning menu is attached, this half term is based on securing our knowledge of the times tables in preparation for the times table check in June. We encourage the children to use Times Table Rockstars regularly at home. This is a fun but effective way to quickly improve times table fluency. Please try and make sure children access this as regularly as possible.

PE

The children will continue with dodgeball after half term, but will then be taking part in weekly rounders PE lessons this half term which involves mastering a range of throwing, catching, striking and fielding techniques. P.E. will continue to be on a Tuesday afternoon, so please continue to send your children in wearing their kit on this day.

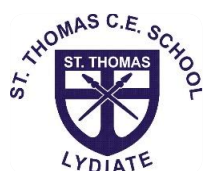
London Trip

As you are aware, we have our class visit to London on Thursday 9th May as part of our Five Be experiences. Most of you have now confirmed your child's attendance on MyEd, if you haven't, please let me know ASAP so we can confirm the final costing, this will be sent out at the end of this week.

As always, if you have any worries or concerns or if there is anything you want to discuss, please get in touch.

Thanks for your continued support,

Miss Murphy



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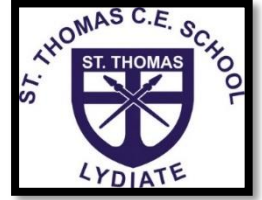
Year Four Curriculum Map

In the Summer 1 term, we will be learning about:

Maths In Maths we will continue with our unit on Time. We will learn how to use both the 12-hour and 24-hour clock and how to convert between units of time. Following this unit we will learn all about decimals, including writing tenths and hundredths, rounding decimals and dividing whole numbers by 10 and 100. We will also continue with lots of times table practise, ahead of the Y4 Time Tables test in June.	English In English we will be looking at a new picture book called 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna. This will lead into us writing a refugee narrative and a diary. Our whole class guided reading sessions will focus on Kensuke's Kingdom before moving on to a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction texts.	RE Following on from our Easter topic, In RE, we will be 'Comparing churches in our topic 'Are all Churches the same'. We will develop our understanding of the church in its widest sense and explore the similarities and differences between denominations.
History In History, we will continue with our topic on Charles II and look at The Plague and The Great fire of London. We will then move on to 'The Glorious Revolution.' We will be learning about: - James II. - The Battle of Sedgemoor. - William of Orange and Mary. - The Bill of Rights. - Today's monarchy.	Geography In Geography this half term, we are learning all about London and the South East of England. This will be a good insight before our visit in May. Including: - The River Thames and the Thames Barrier. - Canterbury. - The White Cliffs of Dover / Coastal Erosion.	Science In Science this half term, we will be learning all about States of Matter and the Water cycle. Focusing on: - Solids, Liquids and Gases. - Evaporation. - Condensation. - Precipitation. - The Water Cycle.
PE In PE this half term we will be learning and practicing all the skills used in Rounders (striking and fielding). We will of course be taking these skills and using them in a real, live game too.	Music This is our final half term of Djembe drumming lessons with a specialist teacher. These music lessons take place for one hour every Thursday morning.	PHSE In PHSE, we will be looking at our latest 'Heart Smart' topic 'No Way Through isn't true'. We will explore resilience reflecting on what we all need to do to keep going.
French Les Romains - The Romans In this unit, we will explore Roman history and what life was like for a Roman child. By the end of the unit, the pupils will be able to use French words and phrases to discuss their knowledge.		

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Home Learning Menu



Practise your times tables!

Create your very own times table game!

Can you help others learn their times tables and develop their fluency?

Create your very own times table game!
Perhaps make a bingo game and challenge members of your family!

Time yourself!

How long does it take you to write out each set of tables correctly?

Can you improve your speed week by week?

Challenge yourself by writing out the corresponding divisions.

Online!

There are lots of different online games to help you learn your times tables. Websites such as:

- Top Marks - Hit the button, Coconut multiples
- Times Table Rockstars
- Mathsframe - Multiplication Tables Check

Have lots of great games to play!

Investigate

Investigate the relationship between the times tables. For example, compare the 3 and 6 times tables. What do they have in common?
How can knowledge of the 3 times table help with the 6's?

Alternatively, think of your own exciting way to help people learn them!



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Year 4 – Home/School Spellings – Summer 1

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. **Please note that there is no spelling test the first week back.**

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

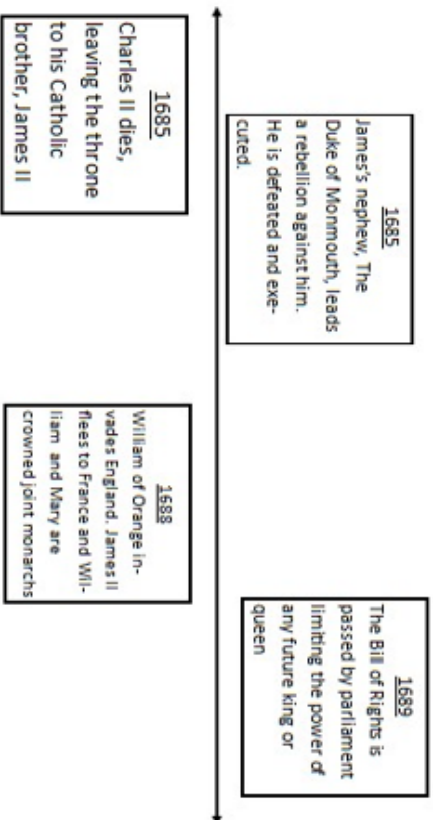
	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Week comm	22 nd April	29 th April	6 th May	13 th May	20 th May
Focus:	<i>Prefaces</i> -un, -dis, -in, re	<i>Endings 'ion'</i>	<i>Year 4 statutory spelling words</i>	<i>Homophones</i> Pupils will be tested on their application of the correct homophones in different sentences.	
	- unfinished - unattached - indefinite - inevitable - discover - disappear - recreate - recover - promise - probably	- extension - collision - confusion - exclusion - transfusion - infusion - explosion - corrosion - experience - experiment	- believe - certain - height - imagine - knowledge - library - occasionally - opposite - possible - probably	- weather - whether - who's - whose - medal - meddle - missed - mist - main - mane	- bawl - ball - scene - seen - mail - male - where - were - peace - piece
Times tables test focus:	Mixed tables up to 12 x 12				

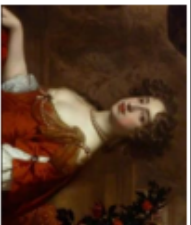
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	Retrieval Questions - Based on our knowledge organisers
History	Who inherited the throne after Charles II in 1685? Who tried to overthrow the king in 1685? Who did the people ask to be the king and queen? Why was the Bill of Rights passed? What is the role of the Monarch in modern Britain?
Geography	Which cities are in South Eastern England? What is a conurbation? What does the Thames have to stop a high tide flooding London? What are the key features of Canterbury? What is the difference between coastal erosion and weathering? What are the human and physical geographical features of London and the South East?
Science	What are the three main states of matter? Explain the process of evaporation. What is condensation and how does it occur? What is precipitation? How does water change state within the water cycle?

Year 4 – History The Glorious Revolution

Key vocabulary	Definition
Catholic	A form of Christianity. In Catholicism, the bible is in Latin, the Pope is head of the church, and churches are beautifully decorated with lots of gold and paintings.
Protestant	A form of Christianity. Protestants have simpler churches without decorations, and the pope is not in charge.
Monarch	A king or queen
Heir	A person who is in line to inherit a powerful position and/or land
illegitimate	A child whose parents were not married when they were born
Rebellion	When people stand up against the people in charge and try to make changes
Parliament	A group of powerful people who were chosen to help run the country



James II He became king when his brother, Charles II, died in 1685. He was unpopular as he was a Catholic	
The Duke of Monmouth He was the illegitimate son of Charles II. He led a rebellion against James II and was defeated and executed	
William of Orange He was a Dutch Prince who was married to James II's daughter Mary. He invaded England in 1688 and was crowned king	
Mary II Mary was the protestant daughter of James II who was married to William of Orange. After William invaded England, Mary was made queen and ruled with her husband	

Year 4 – Science

States of Matter & The Water Cycle



Key Vocabulary	Definition
cycle	A series of events that repeats in the same order
solid	A state of matter e.g. ice. Solids keep their shape unless a force is applied
liquid	A state of matter e.g. water. Liquids take the shape of the container that holds them. They can be poured
gas	A state of matter e.g. water vapour. Gases have no fixed shape, they expand to fill the container they are in
water vapour	When water turns to a gas
evaporation	A process where water changes state from a liquid to a gas
condensation	A process where water vapour changes state from a gas to a liquid
precipitation	The process of water moving from clouds back to the surface of the Earth. Condensation, and the force of gravity result in precipitation. Precipitation can be rain, hail, sleet, snow, hail



Cirrus clouds are white, thin, wispy, and high up in the sky. They are made of tiny ice crystals.



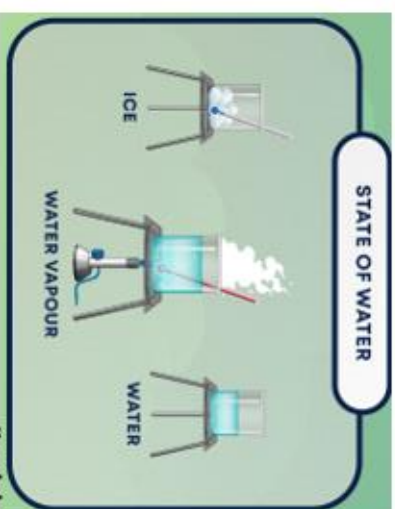
Cumulus clouds are white and fluffy, they contain water droplets but are usually a sign of fair weather.



Stratus clouds are a thin layer of cloud that covers the whole sky.



Nimbostratus clouds are dark and bring rain. The water droplets are closer together, letting through only a little light, so the clouds appear darker. "Nimbus" is the Latin word for rain cloud.



London and the South East of England

Landmark	Image
White Cliffs of Dover	
Canterbury Cathedral	
The Thames Barrier	

Key Vocabulary	Definition
London	The capital city of Britain.
coastline	The land along the coast.
Thames	A river in South East of England, flowing East through London to the North Sea.
Dover	A ferry port in Kent, on the coast of the English Channel.
Skyline	An outline of land and buildings defined against the sky.
Transportation	The action of transporting someone or something.
Conurbation	An extended urban area, typically consisting of several towns merging with the suburbs of a central city.

