

Reading Diaries

During the autumn term your child's reading diary will be checked and signed.

It is an expectation that your child is reading for 10-20 minutes each day.

It is most important that your child reads **EVERY DAY.**

Reading every day gives children the much needed opportunity to practise reading with fluency and expression. It is also important to ask them lots of questions after reading so they develop their comprehension skills.



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly, via the school office or the home diary.



Trips

During the term there will be class trips to enrich and support the work your child is doing in class. We will keep you up to date on any trips as soon as they are booked.



If you would like to volunteer to come on a trip please tick the box on the permission slip, or speak directly to me.



Useful Websites:

These will be used to support and extend your child's learning:

www.topmarks.co.uk
www.history.org.uk
www.bbc.co.uk/history
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11
www.mathletics.co.uk



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Year 4 Class Newsletter

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Mike and Cat

Jamila, Deborah, Bibi & Dave

Welcome back!

We have another very busy term ahead of us.

If you would like to speak to us or if you wish to make an appointment please let us know.

This half term our topic is:

Africa



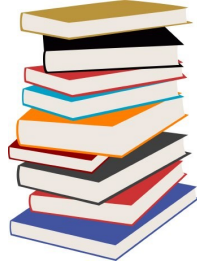
We will be finding out about animals and their habitats, changing environments and classifying living things.

The library

Each class has a weekly 20 minute slot in the library. During this time they can return, renew and have new books issued to them. Books can be renewed for up to two weeks.

Cerise class' library slot is on **Mondays** and Fuchsia class' slot is on **Wednesdays** this half term so please encourage your child to bring in their library books on this day if they have finished them and wish to take out a new book.

Year 4 will also have access to the library during Friday lunchtimes however, this time is for quiet reading only so books cannot be returned or issued.



PE:



P.E will take place on **Tuesdays**.

Please ensure that your child has their kit each week. For reasons of Health and Safety, pupils will not be able to participate in PE lessons if they do not have their full PE kit.

Geography

Our Geography question is:
Where would you build a city?

We will be:

- Looking at what makes a city and considering why cities are built certain ways and in certain places.
- The children will develop their geographical skills by looking at a variety of maps. They will need to consider how different places and aspects of a city are shown on a map.
- We will also be continuing to develop our geographical vocabulary when considering the different human and physical attributes of different places.

Literacy

We will be:

- Learning stories in the tradition of African Oral Story telling.
- We will also be writing an adaptation of a traditional African myth.
- Writing newspaper reports based on current global issues.

Numeracy

We will be learning about:

- Time
- Decimals



Science

Our Science question is:

Where do plants and animals thrive?

We will be:

- Considering different habitats and why different animals and plants thrive in these places.
- Thinking about why animals and plants are suited to certain habitats and why.
- Discovering what kinds of animals and plants live within the local habitats around our school and the wider world.
- Consider how environments change and why they change. Then consider how this impacts on the animals and plants that live there.

The children will also continue to develop their enquiry and working scientifically skills.

Homework

Homework will be given out on Friday to be return on a Wednesday two weeks later.

We will endeavour to create homework that practises skills being taught that week at school. This gives the chance to consolidate what they have learned.

