



Crabtree Farm Primary School

Spring Newsletter

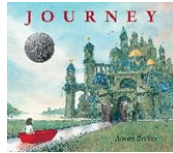
Maid Marian and Little John

January 2025

Year 4 Information

English

In the first half of this term, we will be reading **A Bear Called Paddington** by **Michael Bond** followed by **Journey** by **Aaron Beck**. We will be writing our own exciting narratives about journeys.



After February half term, we will be reading the book **'Holes'** and creating a persuasive brochure about visiting Camp Green Lake.



We are always developing our handwriting and spelling so please ensure your children are practising their **spellings at home every week**, as well as **reading to an adult 5 times per week**.

Welcome back to Year 4! We hope you had a lovely break. This term we are looking forward to learning lots of exciting things before the Easter holidays.

Geography

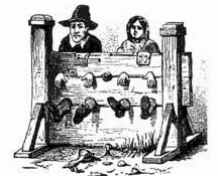
Our geography topic this term is **All Around the World**. We will be developing our map skills by learning all about the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, the equator, latitude and climate zones. We will also be learning about the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and the Arctic and Antarctic circles.



History

In the second half of spring term, we will be looking at **Crime and Punishment**. We will be looking at how the justice system worked in the past and comparing it with our current, modern justice system. We will be thinking about actions and consequences.

One of the big questions we will think about is rehabilitation—should people be given another chance?



Maths

This half term, we begin looking at **multiplication and division**. We will identify some different methods for solving problems and answering questions. Then, we will look at **measurement, with a focus on finding the perimeter and area of a 2D shape**.

After February half term, we will spend the majority of our maths lessons looking at **decimals and fractions**. This skill links to other areas of the maths curriculum that we have already covered. **We also will continue to place a large emphasis on times tables and the children increasing their fluency and speed.**

RE

In our second unit after half term, we are looking at **symbols and religious expressions**. This will involve us looking at how **Christians, Muslims and Hindus** go on pilgrimages and why these are important. We will compare these with other spiritual journeys that people might take that are not religious (non-religious worldviews). We will use this topic to recognise different reasonable ideas and practices that people may undertake. This gives the children an opportunity to ask questions and think about their own views.



Christianity



Hinduism



Islam

Diversity Calendar

This term as part of our whole school diversity calendar we will be learning about:

- Martin Luther-King
- Luna New Year
- Lent (Christianity)
- Holi (Hindu and Sikh)
- International Women's Day
- National Autism Day
- Vikram Samvat (Hindu New Year)
- Ramadan (Islam)
- Easter (Christian)

School Trips and Experiences

We appreciate that many of you like to plan for the cost of school trips in advance, so please see below the trip and in school experiences (subject to change) we have planned for the rest of the year.

In school science workshop – free

Twycross Zoo – appropriately £14

Partake- Ancient Egyptians workshop – £6.50

Reading Books and Homework

Your child will bring home a banded reading book and a free choice reading book. Please read with your child **at least 5 times a week**. When you sign their diary after reading, they will move up our class reading charts and earn badges as they go. It is very important that your child brings their reading books into school **every day** as we will be reading our books during the week. Spellings and maths homework will be handed out each Monday. Please return them to school by the Friday of the same week.

Times Tables Check



All students in Year 4 will be required to take a multiplication

test at the end of the year. It will consist of 25 questions and the children will only get 6 seconds to answer each question. It is really important that your child practises their times tables regularly, and goes onto Times Tables Rockstars as often as possible.

PE

Did you know... a good nights sleep helps children's mental, physical, social and emotional development.

In the first half term we will have PE on **Mondays and Thursdays**. We will be learning the skills and knowledge to play hockey and perform dance routines. After February half term, we will be developing our outdoor adventure skills through team building activities, and orienteering tasks. Just to remind you

that the children need to wear their PE kits all day on PE days. **This PE kit is a white school polo shirt, school jumper or cardigan, black jogging bottoms or leggings and trainers. No earrings to be worn.**



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 22nd January

Parents/Carers Open
Afternoon 1.30pm-6pm

3rd-7th February

Wellbeing Week

Tuesday 11th February

Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February

Last day of half term

Monday 24th February

First day of half term

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

10th-14th March

British Science Week

Friday 21st March

Red Nose day

Monday 24th March

World Maths Day

Thursday 27th March

Spring Disco

5pm-6.30pm

Wednesday 2nd April

Parents/Carers Open

Afternoon 1.30pm-6pm

Friday 4th April

Last day of term

Monday 21st April

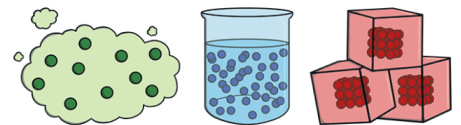
Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April

First day of term

Science

This half term, we will be learning about living things. This will include using classification keys to decide if an animal is a vertebrate or an invertebrate. In the second half term, we will be learning about states of matter. We will be comparing and grouping materials according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. We will also be learning about evaporation, condensation and recapping the water cycle as well as carrying out some fun experiments.



Relationship and Sex Education

In RSE, we will be learning about the differences between male and female body parts. We will also be learning about the changes that happen to our bodies as we go through puberty.

We recommend the following books that support the teaching of our RSE:

Hair in Funny Places by Babette Cole

Where Willy Went by Nicholas Allan

Amazing You! By Gail Saltz

Questions and Issues

If you have any questions or issues with any aspect of your child's school life, please let us know. The best time to speak to any member of the team is at the end of the school day, when you can make an appointment to discuss any issues.

