

Y4 Bulletin: Spring 2024

Spring Term Topics



How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain?



Where does our food come from?

The Year 4 Team

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You can speak to us at the end of each school day in the playground or you can contact us through the school office by calling 0207 736 2318 or by sending an email to y4@academy.thomas-s.co.uk or the school admin address info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk

Our School Uniform is important - please make sure your child is wearing the correct clothes and shoes and that they have the correct PE kit. Please ensure that every item of your child's school uniform is named with a sewn on label or permanent pen.

School Start Time

8:45am

School End Time

3:30pm

Dance: **Wednesday**
PE Day: **Thursday**

Children should come dressed in their PE kit on these days.



Every day is vital - please make sure that your child does not miss school unless they are seriously unwell. Holidays in term time are not permitted. Please let the school office know if your child is absent.



Your child is expected to bring in their reading folder everyday so that letters and books can be brought home for you and your child to read.

It is vital that you take time to read with your child as often as possible. Your child will be bringing a reading book home to read daily, along with a reading diary to record comments about their reading in.



Your child will be set homework every **Friday**. It must be completed by the following **Wednesday**.

Homework will be set via EdShed for spellings and times tables practice.

Topic homework will be sent via Seesaw.

Dates for the diary

15th Jan- Martin Luther King Day

25th Jan- Burns Night

29th Jan- 2nd Feb- Aspirations Week

5th- 9th Feb- Children's Mental Health Week

6th Feb- Safer Internet Day

12th- 16th Feb- HALF TERM

1st Mar- St. David's Day (Daffodil House wear a yellow accessory)

7th Mar- World Book Day

8th Mar- International Women's Day

10th Mar- Ramadan begins (Islam)

17th Mar- St Patrick's Day (Shamrock House wear a green accessory)

18-19th Mar- Parents Meetings

20th Mar- Year 4 Class Assembly

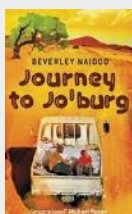
25th Mar- Holi (Hindu festival)

28th Mar- END OF TERM (2pm finish)

We are always looking for ways to improve our school - please feel free to contact the school office if you have any ideas or suggestions or if there is an issue you would like to discuss.

English

Our Spring 1 Talk for Writing focus text is *Voices in the Park* where we will be learning to write a recount and will then focus on writing a letter. During Spring 2 our focus text is *The Manor House* where we will be writing a suspense text and a diary.



Our core reading texts are *Stig of the Dump* (Spr 1) and *Journey to Jo'burg* (Spr 2) which will be used to help develop our reading skills.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be focusing on:

- Division and partitioning
- Short division
- Equivalent fractions
- Mixed and improper fractions
- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Analogue to digital time
- Converting units of time
- Decimal equivalents to tenths, quarters and halves
- Compare and order numbers with same number of decimal places
- Multiply and divide by 10 and 100 including decimals
- Area and perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes

In **Art**, we will be learning about:

This term Year 4 will be looking at patterns in art. They will explore patterns created by a range of artists as well as patterns they see around them in nature. To experiment with their own pattern designs they will use printing techniques, clay engraving and painting.

In **Music** we will be learning about:

South America Haiku

Music and Performance (Theme: Hanami)

In our **History** topic **How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain** we will be learning about:

- Who the Anglo-Saxons and the Scots were
- How the Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain
- What Sutton Hoo tells us about the Anglo-Saxons
- How Christianity arrived in Britain
- Making interpretations of King Alfred
- How the Anglo-Saxon ruled ended

In our **Geography** topic on **where our food comes from** we will be learning about:

- How our food choices can impact the environment
- Responsible trade
- How we get our chocolate
- How far our food travels
- The advantages and disadvantages of buying local and imported food.

In **Science** during Spring 1 we will be focusing on *States of Matter*. We will look at classifying solids, liquids and gases, as well as condensation and evaporation.

In Spring 2 we will be learning about *Sound and Vibrations* where we will understand that sound travels from an object (usually the air), into the ear, down the ear canal and to the brain.

In **Character Curriculum**, we will be learning about:

Dreams and Goals
Healthy Me

Our **RE focus** this term is

Christianity (Values, How beliefs are expressed, reflect and personal growth)

Food and Fasting (Rituals, Ceremonies and Lifestyles, Values)

In **Spanish**, we will be learning about:

Presenting myself (Intermediate)
Count to 20.

Say our name and age.
Say hello and goodbye and then ask how somebody is feeling and answer how they are feeling.
Tell you where we live.
Tell you my nationality and understand basic gender agreement rules

Instruments

In **Computing**, we will be learning about:

- Making shapes with Logo (Computer science)
- Data logging

In **PE**, we this term be learning about:
Gymnastics!

We are learning about all the different movement skills, individual development of balances, using a spring board, ways of movement and creating our own mini performances!
Next half term we will be learning about Basketball, the range of skills and matches!