



Year 4 Newsletter Term 5

Curriculum

This term, our key questions is:

Why do so many people in the world live in megacities?

This term our questions will bring together many aspects of the curriculum. We will be continuing our learning about how we impact our environment and the consequences this can have on the world around us. We will be learning about why so many people live in megacities as now over half of the global population now living in towns and cities. We will begin with identifying where the megacities are and where they are located, identifying the fastest growing cities around the world and here in the United Kingdom. We will use our learning to support us in identifying the advantages and disadvantages of living in cities. In Science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats, classifying living things in different ways and identifying different habitats.

This term our class text is *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo. This is a story about a china rabbit who was owned by a girl names Abilene who treated him with the utmost care and adored him completely. However, one day, he was lost. We will use our Whole Class Reading sessions to explore and analyse this text, the characters, the plot and vocabulary in detail. For our writing this term we will be studying the poem *The River* by Valerie Bloom. We will be looking at the structure of the poem and language choices and use this to write our own.

Key dates for your diary

- 18th April - Biscuit tasting in class
- 24th April - Year 4 class visit to Pizza Express
- 29th April - Year 4 Road Safety workshop in school
- 6th May - Bank holiday
- 21st and 22nd May - Money Minds workshop
- 24th May - Last day of term

P.E./Games

PE kits must be worn into school on the days that you have PE. Earrings must be removed for all P.E, swimming and games lessons.

P.E. days for Year 4 are as follows:

Indoor PE - **Tuesday**

Outdoor PE - **Wednesday**

Home Learning

Spellings

Spellings will be given out weekly and home learning will be set on Spelling Shed every Monday.

Sumdog & TTRS

The children will be set weekly home learning on Sumdog and TTRS each week.

Times tables will be set weekly in preparation for the MTC in June.

Reading

Please read daily and record this in your Reading Record. House points are awarded for regular reading. This can be your school reading book or your book from the 40 book challenge.

Tea Time Talks

3 questions will be sent home weekly for you to discuss on the previous week's learning.