



Spring 2020 2nd Half Term – Year 4

Hello and welcome back! After a short break, we have all come back ready and excited to begin the second half of the school year. It is great to see the children coming back with such enthusiasm and we can't wait for this exciting term ahead. This term our Topic focus will continue to be '**Journey to the unknown**' with a particular focus on Japan. We welcome back Mrs Glaves from Maternity leave. She will be taking over from Miss Wilkie in Island Class.

Please ensure that your child's full PE Kit is in school, including their tracksuits and shorts as we will be alternating between outdoor and indoor PE. All children should have PE socks in their PE bags, along with a pair of black trainers, which are only for PE purposes.

Class PE days are as follows:

Ocean- Monday and Thursday

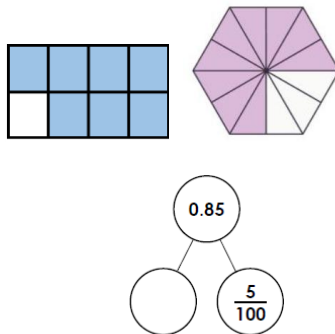
Secret Garden- Monday and Thursday (Gym and Dance)

English

- ★ In **Writing**, we will be looking at **persuasive writing** techniques in the form of leaflets, advertising and Holiday brochures. In this genre, the specific **SPaG** skills we will be focusing on are using **powerful adjectives**, **persuasive language**, **rhetorical questions** and **paragraphs** for organising writing into sections
- ★ We will continue to use our new **Reading** resources, which have proved very popular so far. The children are gaining valuable experience through discussing many different texts and beginning to test their inference skills.
- ★ **Spellings** will continue in the form of the Spelling walls. Your child should have a copy of their spelling wall that they bring home with them. Each week, they will have 5 words that they have to learn.

Maths

- ★ In **maths**, our main focus will shift to **Fractions** and **Decimals**. This is a hugely important and sometimes challenging area of mathematics but it links so many other aspects of the children's learning together.
- ★ Times table knowledge is key and their understanding of number lines and pictorial representations will also be important.



Topic Learning

- ★ In **Science**, we will be studying Rocks. Looking at the different properties of rocks and running some tests to see which rocks would be better suited to specific jobs.
- ★ In **History**, we will be learning about Japan as linked to our topic 'Journey to the Unknown.' We will be looking at its fascinating and diverse culture. Studying 'The Samurai' and different Emperors as well as some significant events in their history such as the attack on Pearl Harbour.
- ★ In **Art**, we will be looking at creating pieces of artwork inspired by Japanese Cherry Blossom Trees.
- ★ In **DT** we are really excited about launching our first DT challenge. More news to follow in the coming weeks.

Reminders for this half term

- We are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 5th March. Please come dressed as your favourite book character. It would be really nice for you to bring in the book that your character is from.
- Grown-ups are welcome to join us in Golden Time on Friday 20th March from 2:30pm
- Make sure you go online to book your PTC appointment where you will be able to share the progress of your child's learning with their class teacher

Many Thanks for your continued support

Mr Morgan (Deputy Headteacher) Mrs Johnson, Mrs Glaves and Miss Beard