



Spring 2022 1st Half Term – Year 4

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all have had a restful holiday. We are ready to get started with the new term and have got lots of exciting things planned for the children. Team Heathland will begin a new topic focusing on Japan. The children will have lots of opportunities to explore the culture, lifestyle, weather and much more while make comparisons between their lives here in the UK.

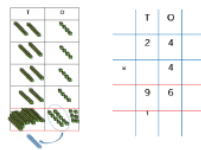
Please ensure that your child/ren come to school with a labelled coat, water bottle and book bag each day. Thank you!

English

- ★ We will be using the novel '**Kensuke's Kingdom**' to help with our English this term. In particular the children will look at plot, setting and characters.
- ★ **Reading**- our Guided Reading groups will continue, in addition to individual reading with an adult, ensuring the children have frequent practice at reading throughout the week.
- ★ **Spellings** – the children will continue to use their spelling walls. Do remind children to practice their spellings daily.
- ★ **Handwriting** – Your child will be able to practise their cursive Hilltop script handwriting using words from their spelling wall to write in sentences. We are beginning to look out for Year 4 children who are ready to be awarded a Pen licence.

Maths

- ★ In maths we will be continuing to secure and develop our **Multiplication** and **division skills**. The children will begin to look at using the more formal written methods working on multiplying and dividing 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by 1- digit numbers.



- ★ We will also take our first look at **Area, Length, Perimeter** and then start to look at **Fractions**.
- ★ We will continue to focus on consolidating **times table** knowledge and will encourage the children to continually learn and practise them at home through the use of **TTRockstars**.
- ★ Children can now also access **Numbots** to consolidate their addition and subtraction facts. Please do this regularly.

Topic Learning

- ★ In **Science**, we will be learning about **Light** and understanding how light works and why it behaves in certain ways.
- ★ In **Geography and History**, we will be using maps/ atlases and computers to locate countries, including Japan, and cities from around the world. We will also be looking at and comparing the climates of the UK and Japan. We will learn about Earthquakes and Tsunamis linking to the natural disaster that struck Japan in 2011.
- ★ **Computing**: The Year 4 children will be exploring web design.
- ★ **RE**: The children will learn about Hinduism this half term.

Team Heathland reminders for this half term

- ★ Heather & Sundew PE days – Monday and Tuesday
- ★ Bracken PE days – Tuesday and Wednesday
The focus area for the Tuesday/Wednesday lesson is football. Children may bring in spare trainers or football boots for this lesson as the field may be muddy. Please use the blue drawstring PE bags so that bags take as little space as possible and look neat in the cloakroom.
- ★ DT Week: 7th-11th February

Miss Mason, Miss Reith and Mr Openshaw ☺