



Spring 2023 2nd Half Term – Year 4

We hope that you have had a lovely half term break. We are excited to welcome the children back to our second half term in Spring. This half term we have an exciting DT week to look forward to. During playtimes last half term we were able to start using the field again, hopefully the weather will continue to improve so that we can continue this.

PE days:

Monday and Tuesday – Heather and Sundew

Tuesday and Thursday – Bracken

English

- ★ **Writing** – the children will continue to read *The Polar Bears' Explorers Club* by Alex Bell as a class text. Using inspiration from this book, they will write an instructional text about how to make a potion to cure the dinosaur's skin problems. They will consolidate their tense knowledge when rewriting an opening paragraph and then finish the half term with creating a conversation including commas and details to enhance description.
- ★ **Reading** – the second batch of reading badges will be handed out at the end of the half term. Please ensure you are hearing your child read at least four times a week and signing the calendar in their reading diaries.
- ★ **Spellings** – your child will continue to work through their spelling wall.

Maths

- ★ **Fractions**
Year 4 will recap their prior knowledge of fractions before moving on to adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator, partitioning a mixed number, comparing and ordering fractions and converting mixed numbers and improper fractions.
- ★ **1- minute maths**
Across the Spring term, we introduced a daily practice of times tables and number bonds to help boost the children's fluency. Each session, they have one minute to complete a short column of sums. They compete against themselves to improve their accuracy and time from their previous attempt. They have shown a real excitement around these and an improvement in their fluency.

Foundation Subject focus areas

- ★ **Geography:**
Iceland – location, climate and topographical features
- ★ **Computing:**
Y3 – Computer systems and networks
Y4 - HTML
- ★ **RE:**
Christianity: Islam – Ramadan/Eid
- ★ **PE:**
Invasion games – football
- ★ **PSHE:**
Families and committed relationships
- ★ **DT Week focus:**
Levers and sliders
- ★ **Science:**
Animals including humans
- ★ **Music:**
Body and tuned percussion
- ★ **French:**
Weather

Foundation Subject *big questions* can be found on the school website.

Team Heathland reminders for this half term

The next WSSP event is taking place this term. This is the **football** event at **St. Edwards Middle School** on **Thursday 9th March**. Please check whether your child was assigned to this event, they received a letter at the beginning of this academic year stating the events they will be attending. We will send a reminder out nearer the time as you will need to log into Gateway to give permission and to state who will be collecting your child.

Many thanks for your support
Miss Mason, Miss Reith and Miss Wells