



Spring 2022 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 and our KS2 Japan day which will be on Thursday 7th April – more details around this day to come.

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

English

- ★ We will be using the novel '**Kensuke's Kingdom**' to help with our English this term. In particular the children will look at Haikus, subordinate clauses in newspaper articles, prepositional phrases in letter writing and the use of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions in story writing.
- ★ **Reading**- our Guided Reading groups will continue, in addition to individual reading with an adult.
- ★ **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.

Maths

- ★ In maths we will start by recapping statistics from the last half term. Following this we will be focusing on **Fractions and decimals**. The children will look at equivalent fractions and decimals. They will start adding and subtracting fractions, compare, and order and round decimals. They will use this knowledge to solve problems.
- ★ 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**. Please encourage your child to play on 'sound check' as this will replicate the multiplication check.
- ★ 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 **Living things and their habitats** and understanding how living things are grouped and how their environments can change.
- ★ In **Geography and History**, we will look at who the Samurai are, the Shoguns, Japan in WW2 and Pearl Harbour. This will all lead up to our Japan day.
- ★ **Computing**: The Year 4 children will look at HTML.
- ★ **RE**: The children will learn about Christianity this half term.
- ★ **PSHE**: The children will learn about families and relationships this half term.

Team Heathland reminders for this half term

- ★ Bracken & Sundew PE days – Monday and Tuesday
- ★ Heather PE days – Tuesday and Wednesday
The focus area for the Tuesday/Wednesday lesson is dance.
- ★ DT Week: 14th – 18th March
- ★ Japan day: Thursday 7th April

Miss Mason, Miss Reith, Mr Openshaw and Mrs Sinclair 😊