## Year 4 Spring Term 2





## English

In Writing this half term, we are finishing our unit all about myths and legends. We will be writing our very own myth about a sea creature.

Towards Easter, we will be doing a unit about **Recounts**, and will read 'Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears' by Emily Gravett.

Keep up your hard work with handwriting and spellings.

# We are reading...



In Guided Reading, we are going to continue to read a new text each week, and complete activities in our carousel.

This means that we work in groups and complete different activities on each day, and will have done them all by the end of the week.

#### Maths

This half term will consist of lots more Timestables practise.

We will also do a short unit on Length and Perimeter, then will move onto a Fractions and Decimals topic.

Please help your child at home by practising timestables.

You can practice these on this website: https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplicationtables-check/

You can also practise by writing them out. Maybe focus on one times table per day?

#### DT

We are moving back to DT after the half term, and our topic is all about Levers and Linkages. We will be looking at the Onager Catapult (a Roman catapult) and will be using levers and links to create our catapult!

#### Science

#### Our Science topic is Sound.

We will learn how vibrations cause sounds and how sounds travel through different mediums at different speeds. We will explore how sounds can change in pitch and loudness and be able to explain this using scientific language. We will develop our scientific skills by planning fair test investigations to answer questions about volume.

#### Geography

We are continuing our Geography topic of 'From the Ivory Coast to Fernhurst: Where does our food come from?' this half term.

We will continue to think all about the journey our food takes from where it is grown to when we eat it. We will consider how far our food has to travel, Fair Trade and what can be grown in other countries. This will then be compared with what we can grow here in Fernhurst.

#### During our weekly PE lessons on a **Thursday & Friday**, children will take part in a range of activities that explore and develop different areas of their health and fitness. Our **dance** learning will give us the opportunity to use canon and unison to create different effects. In **cricket** we will develop the skills of throwing, bowling, batting and fielding.

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#### Music

In music this half term, we will be focused on rehearsing our all singing, all dancing production of '**There's a Sunflower in my Supper'.** 

Your child will have gone home with a script over half term. Please support them in learning any lines they may have so we can hit the ground running with rehearsals! We have also sent you a Sway with the song tracks and lyrics.

### PSHE and RE

In PSHE, we will be discussing the feeling of jealousy and how this affects us, and also what we can do to be able to deal with it.

In RE, we are focussing on the concept of **Resurrection in Christianity.** As it is the lead up to Easter, we will be discussing the concept of The Empty Cross, and the importance of Resurrection to Christians.

### Computing

In Computing this half term, we have an exciting Programming topic, where we will be using Turtle Academy, and will be learning all about how to programme the Turtle to allow him to follow your commands. This should lead us through Easter and into the summer term.

#### Dates

19th February – Parent Consultations 23rd February – Family Read 2.30 23rd February – FOFs Disco 1st March – KS2 School sleepover (new event!) 4th March-World Book Week 6th March – Second-hand book sale 7th March – Second-hand book sale 7th March – Enrichment – Author visit 7th March – Enrichment – Author visit 7th March – 5-6pm Cuddle up with a book (family event) 15th March – 5-6pm Cuddle up with a book (family event) 15th March – 5-6pm Cuddle up with a book (family event) 15th March – 5-6pm Cuddle up with a book (family event) 22nd March-Rock Steady concert 10:00-11:00 25th March – FOFs Easter Café 28th March – Easter Egg Hunt 28th March-Last day of term & non-uniform day **Thursday 28th March at 2pm. Y3 and 4 Play**