Year 4 Spring Term 2025

Welcome to Spring in Year 4! I hope you had a restful and happy Christmas break. Mrs Branchflower, Mrs Loyal and I would like to say a MASSIVE thank you for your generous gifts and lovely cards at the end of term. As the children move into another term, we have many exciting topics and trips to look forward to!

**Topics** – Our topics this Spring include South America in Geography, closely followed by the Tudors in History. We are going to be learning about geographical location of rainforests in the world, the physical features of South America and the human features. We will be using these topics within English to write information texts, balanced arguments and historical narratives.

In science, we will be first be learning about the water cycle before learning about the production of electricity. This will support the making of torches in DT. We will be learning in depth how electricity impacts our everyday lives and how it is used within the world.

We continue to have two PE lessons a week timetabled for Wednesday (class teacher) and Thursday (EPC). Children are to come in wearing their PE kit and suitable trainers on those days. Earrings need to be taken out for PE. The children will be participating in a range of sports this term including Yoga, Netball, Hockey and Dance.

Our wonderful recorder lessons with Berkshire Maestros will continue in the summer term however the children will have the chance to practice during music lessons across the spring as well as exploring a variety of percussion instruments to create their own compositions.

**Home learning** – Home learning will continue to be set on teams and paper worksheets are available if needed. It will be set every Monday and it will be due the following Monday. This includes:

* Weekly spellings to practice in preparation for their spelling test.
* Spelling worksheets (Focus and Extension are available. Children are able to choose the level they feel is best or complete both).
* Maths worksheets.

An additional task to do at home is **practising times tables regularly**. All children have a Times Table Rock Stars log in and they have times tables set for them to practise**.** Children are expected to have mastered all of their tables by the end of Year 4. This is an important skill to support their curriculum maths learning.

**Reading** - Reading with and to your child is extremely important; please try and do this **at least 3 times** a week. Sign and initial your child’s reading record each time you read at home with your child and please encourage your child to read other appropriate texts at home too. Please record any text that your child reads including library books or books from home as it is lovely to see their interests and genre choices. The children will have regular opportunities within the classroom to listen to different texts, read as an individual and as a whole class to continue to develop their comprehension and inference skills.

**Library** - Our library slot continues to be on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure children have their library books in school on that day.

**Ufton Court** – As you are all aware, towards the end of the Spring term, the children will have the opportunity to go on a residential to Ufton Court. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to explore their learning in a fascinating environment and to enjoy spending time together as a class team. More information will be provided nearer the date.

As the weather continues to get gradually colder, please ensure children are equipped with appropriate clothing to help keep them warm, especially a coat! I’m looking forward to another excellent term and can’t wait to get started.

Please do not hesitate to speak to me on the playground before or after school or email the office at admin@hatchride.wokingham.sch.uk with any questions or concerns.

Miss Costello