



Information Leaflet for Parents Second Half Spring Term 2018

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The purpose of this leaflet is to give an overview of the second half of the Spring term. If you have any immediate concerns or questions, teachers are usually available after school. Longer appointments, about your child, can be made via the school office.



**Mathematics:**

Regular mental maths sessions will continue take place throughout the week to develop a sound knowledge of the times tables, other calculation strategies and the language of Mathematics. This half term, our teaching will focus on the following areas:

- Statistics (data handling).
- Decimals
- Measure.
- The four operations:  $\times$ ,  $\div$ ,  $-$  and  $+$ . Both mental and written calculations.

**English:** Last half term we had great fun writing and performing our Macbeth play scripts. We were all very proud of the final performance, despite a few nerves. Our topic this half term is 'Sound'. We will write information and facts about 'Sound' and then start a unit of poetry writing using sound as the theme.

We are also continuing work on 'stand alone' aspects of English grammar and punctuation. Spelling continues to be taught weekly; it will focus on spelling rules and developing spelling strategies. The children will continue to develop their reading strategies and comprehension in Guided Reading.

**Other Curriculum Areas:**

In Science, we will be giving the children "missions" to find out about how sounds are made, to find patterns between the pitch of a sound and the object that makes it and the volume of a sound compared to the vibrations that make it. We will continue to teach the children to work scientifically.

In Geography, we will be learning about drums from other countries and how their sound has been used as a means of communication. We will use this opportunity to locate the countries and learn about their physical and human features.

In Computing, we will continue learning how to code and debug using the Purple Mash software.

In French, we will be learning about food and how Easter is celebrated in France.

In Music, Swordfish are going to be using the Charanga music toolkit to continue evaluating and performing songs, whilst Orcas will start to work with a specialist music teacher, playing African drums.





In Art, we will investigate if Sound can be represented in Art and be recreating some of the abstract work of Kandinsky.

In PE, the children have been learning tennis skills and positioning. In our hall time we will continue with our unit on gymnastics.

A full PE kit, including suitable footwear, should be kept in school all week. If possible, a tracksuit is advisable at this time of year. Please note, tights are not suitable for P.E so socks may be necessary and earrings must either be removed or covered with tape (to be provided from home). **PLEASE ensure that your child has a full P.E kit in school at all times.**



**Home Learning:** Maths will continue to be set weekly via the Mymaths website. The expected time for home learning is 30 minutes per piece. On-going practise of times tables is to be encouraged. This half term we would like the children to work on an extended topic about Sound (please see separate letter) rather than do "grid activities". Reading at home is to be recorded in the children's reading diaries'

**Dates:**

**1st March:** World book day

**2nd March:** Year 4 Assembly

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Stenning, Mrs Flood-Murphy and the Year 4 team.