

Greenfylde C of E First School
Spring 2020 Newsletter
Year 4: Gatcombe

I hope all of you had a pleasant festive period! Please see the overview below for the learning that we will be doing during the next few weeks. I am Mr Lewis and in class I also have Emma Baker assisting me. On a Wednesday I am on management time around school so Mrs Snelson will be teaching the class. The children have a planner in which they will write their daily activities each week and we ask that they record their reading in it also. This needs to be in school each day. PE timings vary each half term due to specialist teaching so please ensure your child has a PE kit in each day of the week. During Spring 1 this is Monday and Thursday. A pair of jogging trousers is advisable too as sometimes we will have sessions outside, especially on a Thursday this half term.

English: Fiction - Canbury Park - Suspense text. Poetry - competition. Non fiction - Persuasive text - leaflets.	Maths: Multiplication and Division Length, Perimeter and Area Fractions and Decimals Mental Maths skills Reasoning and Problem Solving	Topic: Geography - Rivers and Mountains History - Local History study French: Numbers, Days, Months. Asking questions and Greetings..
PE: Sending and receiving skills Gymnastics & Dance Hockey / Team games (Hi 5)	RE: Gospel and Salvation Festivals - Easter	ICT: E-Safety Programming - Scratch Multi media / ICT in our lives.
DT / Art Ski resort/Musical instrument. Henry Matisse	Science: Electricity States of Matter-Solid, Liquid, Gas.	Music: Music tuition - Ukulele

How you can help your child:

Reading: We do expect them to read at least three times a week. We request that you sign the planner weekly. We check these at the end of each week and reward those children that do.

Spellings: We provide children with a set of 10 spellings each week related to the KS2 curriculum. In addition to this some children also have the High Frequency Words to learn that are found in the back of planners. Each half term we test children on a selection of these words.

Maths: We will continue to work on times tables at school and test the children weekly. Their scores are written in their planner. Practising multiplication and division facts any time will help them with this. By the end of Year Four the government expectation is that all facts up to 12x12 times tables can be recalled. This will be officially checked online in the Summer term., To get used to the format children can practice at home via a google search of 'Mathsframe times table.' We encourage children to continue to use Times Table Rockstars along with Hit the Button to develop number facts. All children have now been taught a written method for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

On occasions, we also set children homework tasks related to what they are learning. These are set on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday. I set some items of homework though there are always weekly spellings, daily reading and TT Rockstars to complete. If class-based work is not completed to a satisfactory level then children will be asked to complete these at home to bring back on the following day. I will always try to speak to you to explain why it has been sent home.

Your support at home is much appreciated. Please help them as much as you can. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to chat to us after school.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Lewis and the team in Gatcombe Class