



Shakespeare Primary School

Year 4 Newsletter Spring Term 2022

Don't Forget...

- Please continue to encourage your children to use their Read and Respond Book to complete homework, learn spellings and read four times a week.
- All children in Year 4, should be completing 5-10 minutes of times table practice every day to ensure their fluent recall of multiplication facts to 12x12
- Lots of our exciting moments are tweeted. Follow us at @shakespearels9
- The school website has an E-safety section with a comprehensive list of ideas of how to keep your child safe on the internet. Please take a look.

Important Dates

- We break up for the half term holiday on Friday 18th February 2022
- We return to school for the second spring half-term on Monday 28th February 2022.
- Swimming on a Tuesday for all children in 4D and half of the children in 4B from Tuesday 11th January onwards
- PE Days
4B Tuesday and Wednesday
4D Tuesday and Thursday
4R Thursday and Friday

Our Learning Project for Spring 1 is...

Blue Abyss

What lives under the sea?

Grab your wetsuit. We're going deep into an underwater world of incredible coral and mysterious sea creatures. Can you pick a favourite fish, plant or animal? What do real divers get up to below the surface? What are those bright lights in the distance? Flippers on? Snorkel ready? Let's head into the Blue Abyss.

Our learning this half term will be driven by Science and Geography. We will be learning about the vast array of organisms that live under the waves in oceans and seas around the globe. We will develop our scientific skills by learning how to sort and classify living things based on their appearance and habitats before looking at the adaptations that animals have to allow them to live at different depths in the ocean. In Geography, we will identify the position and significance of the equator, Northern and Southern Hemispheres, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and the Arctic and Antarctic Circle. We will learn about how our actions in school can affect the health of oceans, with a particular focus on how plastic pollution has had a detrimental impact on marine wildlife. In English, we will be reading *The Wreck of the Zanzibar* by Michael Morpurgo and developing our writing skills by writing poems to entertain, informal letters to persuade and formal letters to persuade Mr Gorton about how our actions in school can reduce the impact of plastic pollution.

Maths

- Formal written methods for multiplication and division
- Fractions
- Times table facts up to 12 x 12

Other Areas of Learning

- PE – Swimming, tennis and football
- PSHE – Drug, alcohol and tobacco education; Coping with difficult situations.

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