

Silver Birch & Christmas Tree Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back to the Spring term, this term we have lots of exciting topics we are covering. Mr and Mrs Highton are very excited to be joining Year 4.



English: We have an exciting start to the term, with the Author Caroline Lawrence coming into to school to work with the children. Our topic this term is Italy and we will be producing information books about Italy. After half term, we will be looking at 'Alice In Wonderland'. We will write stories with imaginary settings based on this story. We will also be reading 'Beowulf' and writing Anglo – Saxon sagas and poetry.

At the end of last term, we tested the children on the year 3 and 4 key words. The results and word list will be sent home for your child to work on over the next term.

Maths: We are looking at time, number and place value, column addition and column subtraction, geometry – acute and obtuse angles in 2D and 3D shapes, formal written multiplication and long division, finding fractions of numbers, length mm, cm, m, km, statistics: bars and charts and decimals.

Practical activities to do at home: Please encourage your child to tell the time regularly and look at bus and train timetables when possible. It would be great if they could get involved in shopping by working out totals and change.

Your child is expected to know up to the 12 x tables by the end of year 4, the tables your child is working on will be noted down in their homework book. Our weekly multiplication test is on Mondays.

Topic: The first half term is Geography, we will be learning about Italy, looking at its history, physical landscape and culture. If you or your child has been there or has any links please can they share this with the class.

We will be changing to History after half term, our topic will be the Anglo – Saxon invasion of Britain and how this has affected us today. Please encourage your child to research the Anglo-Saxons and bring their research into school.

Science: We will be looking at the human digestive system and dental health. After half term, we will investigate sound and the human ear. Again extra research into these topics are welcomed.

RE: We will be studying Sikh stories; we have a visitor from the Slough Gurdwara coming in for a question and answer session led by the children.



Upcoming Events

Silver Birch: PE this term is on Monday and Tuesday.
Library is on a Wednesday.

Christmas Tree: PE this term is on Wednesday and Friday.
Library is on a Friday.

Homework: Spellings: Silver Birch set and tested on Wednesday. Christmas tree: Set and tested on Thursday.

Daily reading- please record in your child's reading record

Your child is expected to read using Bug Club at least once a week- please record in the reading record.

English homework is set on Friday and due in the following Thursday.

Maths homework is set on Friday and due in the following Thursday.