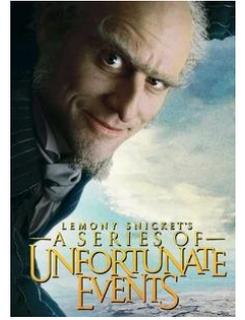




Year 4 Newsletter

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Tales as Old as Time

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break and wish you a happy and healthy New Year. We are so disappointed that this half term can't be as planned and we are really missing all of those children that are learning from home.

However, we have an exciting learning journey planned for Year 4 to experience this half term and hope you will enjoy supporting your child at home. We will continue to set daily work via the Purple Mash blog and one of the Year 4 Team will be in touch regularly but do please get in touch if we can help in any way.

Reading

We will be reading 'A Series of Unfortunate Events' and continue to 'infer' the feelings of characters based on what they do or say. In guided reading, we will study a variety of fiction and non-fiction (such as, explanations) revisiting skills learnt so far and exploring how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning.

Writing

Our initial focus is on how to become creative story tellers. In our writing, we will be developing the range of expanded noun phrases we use as well as beginning to learn about literary devices such as metaphors and similes to enhance our character and setting descriptions. We will then write explanation texts linked to our class book. Throughout, we will focus on correct punctuation and use of a range of sentence types.

Maths

This half term we will be looking at fractions. We will start by looking at what a fraction is and finding equivalent fractions. We will then look at adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. It's also important to keep practising the times tables. Times Tables Rockstars is a great resource for this.

<https://trockstars.com/>

Science

We will be learning about how all living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. We will explore and use

classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. Then, we will recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

Computing

We will begin by looking at what makes a good animation and making our own. We will then look at how to create a sequence using code.

Music

We will listen to and respond to music from films and how it is used to develop atmosphere. We will create listening maps for 'Count Olaf' and compose music for a story.

PE

We will develop a range of netball skills (passing, footwork, marking, shooting and teamwork) and our flexibility, strength and balance through gymnastics.

RE

We will learn about various religious pilgrimages and understand their significance.

PSHE

We will explore our range of feelings and how to manage conflict. Also, we will study good hygiene, how to look after our mental health, and online safety.

Best Wishes Mrs Hailey-Holland, Miss Thurtle, Mrs Robinson

Suggested Reading: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-4-pupils-ks2-age-8-9/>

Key Vocabulary:

Classify  Classification

Environment  Habitat

Characteristic 

Vertebrate 