



THE RADSTONE
Primary School

Spring Term

Year Four Newsletter

Meet the Team

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Key Dates

(More info will be sent out closer to the time)

Tuesday 6th January- Children return to school

Friday 9th January – Whole School Panto

Thursday 15th January- KS2 target games event

Friday 13th February- KS2 Swimming Gala

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February – Half Term

Tuesday 24th February- Parents Evening

Thursday 26th February- Parents Evening

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday. We are enjoying getting back into the routine and the children are eager and ready too! There will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher during parents' evening, but a reminder that our door is always open and there is no problem too small, so please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team if needed. We will be around at the start and end of each day but otherwise please book an appointment with us by emailing the office on: enquiries@trps.thlt.academy

Subject Overviews

English: In our English lessons we will be focussing on different genres of writing, through the use of carefully selected, high quality texts and visual stimuli (both fiction and non-fiction), which bring clarity to the mechanics of writing. This gives children regular practice of key writing skills and aims to build their confidence so that they are able to apply these to a range of situations and show what they have learnt. We will start the term by carrying out work based on the book 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl. We will focus on the poem 'The River' by Valerie Bloom, then we will be finishing by writing a diary entry linked to our History work on the Mayans. Throughout these units, we will be focusing on spelling, punctuation and grammar as well as composition. We will explore the use of adverbials and subordinate clauses. We will also write across the curriculum, focusing on our Science unit of sound and our RE unit on Christianity.

Maths: We will start by continuing with multiplication and division before moving onto area. After the half term, we will move onto fractions before finishing the term with decimals. In each area that we cover in Maths, the children will be encouraged to apply their mathematical knowledge to solve problems and develop their reasoning skills.

Science: During the first half term, the children will be learning about sound. They will be exploring how sounds are made, learning that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear and finding patterns between the volume of a sound the strength of the vibrations that produced it.

In the second half term the children will be studying electricity and will focus on electrical appliances, conductors, insulators and electrical circuits.

Within lessons, children will use a variety of scientific skills such as classifying, recording, presenting data and using drawings as a way of recording.

Computing: In Computing this term, we will be using Logo, a text-based logo coding language to create patterns and shapes, coding sequences, repetition and procedures. We will then move onto sound stories, adding narrative and sound effects to create audiobooks; lastly, we will explore how to effectively search the internet.



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Monday 2nd March-Friday 6th March-
World Book Week- on Friday 6th children
can dress as their favourite book
character

Monday 16th March- Teacher led clubs
finish

Friday 29th March- Comic Relief. Children
can come in wearing a red
accessory/item of clothing.

Tuesday 24th March- Easter Services

Friday 27th March- Last day of School

Monday 30th March-Friday 10th April –
Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April- School closed. Staff
Training Day

Tuesday 14th April- Children return to
school

Key Information

Homework: Information regarding the
homework that your children will receive in
Year 4 can be found on the home learning
sheet.

Water Bottle: Please can we ask that each
child brings a named water bottle into school
each day.

PE kit: It is essential that children bring a
named PE kit into school every week, with
enough layers to accommodate for being
outside.

It is really important that EVERYTHING the
children bring into school is named so that it
can be returned quickly if lost.

Art: In Art this term, we will be exploring the famous
impressionist artist, Claude Monet. Inspired by his work, we
will be creating our own paintings of local buildings and
landscapes. We will also be developing our skills when working
in 3D by exploring the work of the sculptor Alberto Giacometti.
Inspired by his work and other 3D artists, we will be working
collaboratively to create our own sculptures. Throughout this
term we will be continuing to use our sketchbooks to plan,
explore techniques and develop our ideas.

Humanities: This half term in History, the children will be
learning about the Mayans. They will study when and where the
Maya lived and the type of environment they lived in. They will
also learn about the Maya number system, what their writing
looked like and explore the Maya Gods.

Next half term, in Geography, the children will be studying
hemispheres and Climate Zones. Within this topic, they will
identify the significance of the Equator as well as the Northern
and Southern Hemispheres. They will also be using maps, atlases
and a globe to locate countries.

PSHE: In the first half the children will be focusing on 'Keeping
ourselves safe' and then they will move onto 'Rights and
Respect' in the second half term. We will also be doing regular
lessons on the importance of the protected characteristics.

French: Year 4 produced some lovely work in French last term-
well done! This term we will revise the numbers that they
learnt in Year 3 but continue this all the way to 31. This will
help us to do some work on dates, months and special events,
both in our own lives and in France.

PE: During this first half term, Year 4 will be looking at teamwork
and being able to work cooperatively together to read a map.
They will also be working on their gymnastic skills, specifically
methods of travel and balance as well as using larger apparatus
and the floor to link routines together. They will be moving onto
Netball, with the focus being on passing and receiving as well as
marking and dodging, and Swimming after the half term break.

RE: In RE this term the children will begin with humanism,
focusing on the kind of world humanists want to live in and how
to create it. After half term, we will move onto Christianity,
looking specifically at the person of Jesus and who the Bible says
he is.