

## Year 4 Spring Term

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term in Year 4! What a pleasure it has been to welcome back all of the children after the Christmas holidays. We hope that you had a restful break.

### Writing

This term, our first writing unit will be looking at the fantastic 'The Great Chocoplot' by Chris Callaghan. The book follows the adventures of Jelly and Gran as they attempt to discover why chocolate is mysteriously disappearing from the world! We'll use this book to develop our narrative writing skills. The children will use descriptive language to build a picture in the reader's mind while also continuing to ensure we are using full stops, capital letters, fronted adverbials and speech correctly, regardless of the subject being taught. For our second text, we will be exploring a non-fiction piece about the digestive system. We are excited to share these books with the children and we hope they love them too!

### Maths

Maths continues to look at multiplication and division, with the children applying their times table facts to a range of mathematical questions and problems. We will then move onto length and perimeter, where we will be measuring, adding, subtracting and comparing. Further into the spring term, we will be learning all about fractions. We will first understand what they are and what they mean before moving onto ordering and comparing them. Finally, we will finish the spring term with decimals.

Each week, we celebrate the children's achievements on Times Tables Rockstars and we are always excited to see who our top three performers are! Please encourage your child to practise their times tables on TTRockstars 2-3 times a week as this will ensure fluency with their multiplication facts. This will help them to feel more confident during maths lessons.

The login details for TTRockstars can be found on the front page of their diaries  
TTRockstars - <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/undefined/password>

## Science

Our next science topic is 'electricity makes things work'. We will explore different household items that require batteries and some that need to be plugged in. Children will develop an understanding of what a conductor and an insulator is and be able to name some real-life examples. The children will work like scientists by carrying out their own investigations with components of an electrical circuit.

## History

For this term, we are covering the Romans. During the first week, we were lucky to have an external visitor to introduce the new topic to the children, which they loved. The rise of the Roman Empire will be covered alongside the lasting impact that the Romans had on Britain after their successful invasion in 43CE. They will use many different skills of a historian such as being able to compare and contrast, examining different sources and holding debates.

## PE

Our PE days for the Spring 1 half term are Monday and Thursday. During our Monday sessions, our topic is dance which is delivered by the class teacher and dance coach, Hailey. During the lessons, the children will be practising different styles and movement skills before putting them into practice in group activities. On a Thursday, our topic is handball. These lessons will be delivered by Mr Wells.

Please ensure your child wears the correct PE uniform on these days. PE kit should be long, black trousers (jogging bottoms/leggings) or black shorts (weather dependent), a white or blue t-shirt and an outdoor jumper. All jewellery needs to be removed before school on these days and long hair must be tied up. **Earrings must be removed for PE and cannot be covered with plasters.**

## Keep in touch

We want every child to be the best that they can be and value your continued support. Please continue to use Class Dojo to communicate any non-urgent messages and we will respond as quickly as we can. For urgent messages such as sickness, absences or appointments, we ask you contact the school office. The school office can be contacted either by email ([office@berryhill.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@berryhill.notts.sch.uk)) or phone, and we endeavour to respond in a timely manner.

**We are all very excited for another fabulous term!**

**The Year 4 Team**