

# Year 4 Spring Term Newsletter

## English

Children are working hard to improve their use of punctuation and their understanding of grammar to improve their writing. They will be looking at stories that raise issues and dilemmas, writing recounts in the form of newspapers and magazines, along with writing explanation texts. As a school we are striving to improve our reading skills and understanding of books through guided reading sessions in class, using the website [www.bugclub.co.uk](http://www.bugclub.co.uk) and ensuring children are reading at least three times a week.

## Maths

Children will continue to improve their calculation skills using a variety of strategies, including the column method. The children will develop their skill of solving a variety of word problems along with their recall of times tables and related division facts.

## P.E.

The class will learn the rules and skills needed to play netball and develop their gymnastics skills.

## P.S.H.E.

Children will be developing their social skills and friendships as we explore how to be a better friend and how to cope with falling out.

## French

Children will be learning how to talk about Birthdays using their existing knowledge of numbers.

## Music

Children will be exploring melodies and scales through playing tuned instruments.

## R.E.

Children will be learning about the importance of symbols in everyday life, and how symbols and symbolism are used by the Christian and Hindu faiths.

## ICT

Children will be learning about staying safe using the Internet. We will also be learning how to store, search and sort information in a database. After half term, children will be creating their very own websites!

## Science

Children will be learning about Keeping Warm. We will be planning, carrying out and evaluating our investigations.

## Creative

Children will be learning about village settlers. We will learn about the influence of settlers on place names, settlers needs, look at a variety of maps, learn Ordnance Survey symbols and learn how to draw plan views. They will use what they have learnt to create their own settlement.