

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a relaxing break.

Important dates

- We hope that you will be able to join us for our assembly on Friday **15th February 2019**
P.E. is every Monday. Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school every week.

Start of the school day

The school day starts at 8.55am in Key Stage Two. English starts at 9.00am.

Children must be at school on time, so that they are ready to start English at 9.00am. Thank you for your continued support.

Topic:

Our new topic is Global Growers. Through topic lessons, children will learn about where their food comes from and how it is produced. We will explore the issues surrounding food imports, such as air miles and fair trade as well as looking at locally produced produce. We will think about our own impact on the environment and our responsibility to look after the planet.

English:

Our new English text is **Varjak Paw** by S.F. Said. This week, we are doing some drama around the first three chapters. We will then be drafting, editing and publishing a recount from the point of view of Varjak, the main character.

Maths:

This week, we will be multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. We will be using place value counters and grids to support our understanding. We will apply this knowledge to problems in a range of contexts.

Science: We have started our new science topic – ‘Animals including Humans’. In this topic, we will look at the digestive system, teeth and food chains. This week we will discuss what we already know about the topic and what we want to find out.

Accelerated Reader:

Children are continuing to take quizzes for Accelerated Reader. This year we are focussing on 80% accuracy in quizzes. Children need to get most of their questions correct to show that they have understood the book.

Please remember that you can go to the library after school and you will be able to find books within your child’s reading range. Please also check your child’s reading diary to ensure that they are choosing a book of the correct level. If you need help with this, please ask a member of the Year 4 team.

Homework:

Homework will be given out on Friday. Children will hand in their completed homework on Thursday. Homework club is on Thursday lunchtime in Shakespeare class.

Reading:

Reading is the most important way to support your child at home.

When you read with your child, please sign their diary and write in the page numbers that they have read. You can also put in a comment about how they have read. Thank you. Year 4 Team

Spelling: The spelling test will now be taken every Thursday. This will be in the homework book, so parents can see how their children have done, and give more support if needed.