

## Year 4D's Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break. I have really enjoyed the first week back in school with the children. They have all worked hard and settled back into school routines. Both Miss Walsh and I have been impressed by this.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the children's learning over the coming half-term.



### Religious Education

In Religion, we will be about the community to which we belong and our church belongs to. We will look at how Jesus chooses people to serve him in the parish and the wider community.



### English

In English, this half-term, we will be looking at fantasy stories. We will investigate what a good fantasy story looks like and what features it has. We will then start to use what we have found out to create our fantasy story.

In the second part of the half term, we will be looking at non-fiction writing and in class we will be writing discussion text and looking at whether we still need

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Each week will learn a new spelling pattern, our spelling words will be sent home weekly and tested on a Friday. Please ensure your child practises their spellings as often as they can and that they continue to practise the words which have been sent home on their word mat.

### Maths

In Maths, we will focus on multiplication and division. We will begin by focusing on our times table knowledge before we look at formal multiplication and division. Please continue to encourage your child to practise their times tables and weekly times tables will be sent home with them. Please also encourage them to use TT Rockstars regularly – as little as 5-10 minutes a day makes a massive difference.



### Science

This half term we will be learning about sound. In this we will look at how sound is made and how it travels. We will then look at how different materials can prevent sound vibrations from reaching us. We will finish by focusing on how pitch can be effected by the length, thickness and tightness of strings.



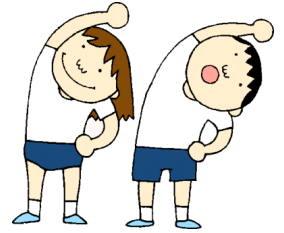
## Reading

Reading books must be in school every day. Please ensure that you are reading regularly with your children and signing their reading records. When the children have finished reading, ask them questions about the book. This helps to develop their comprehension skills. When they have finished their book, they will take a quiz to test their understanding and then they will have it changed.

In addition to this, we will do a daily whole class guided reading session where we read a text together and answer questions about it. The children have also chosen a class novel to read. They have chosen *Kindlekrax* by Philip Ridley.

## P.E

The children will have 1 session of P.E a week, which is on a Friday. Remember that your child needs to come to school in their P.E kit on a Friday (White t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/joggers and their school jumper).



## Geography

Our Geography work for this half term is all about heading back in time to find out how the towns and cities of the UK first developed. Children will learn about the needs and requirements of the early settlers had when choosing a place to build a home. They will look at place names around the UK to see how the Anglo-Saxons, Romans and Vikings all left their mark.

## Art and Design

In Art, we will be looking at the work of Sonia Delaunay. We will be looking at the use of complimentary and harmonious colours. Taking inspiration from Sonia Delaunay, children will create their own collage that will be displayed in the school.

## Homework

Homework will be set weekly on a Friday and is due back by the following Wednesday. Please ensure your children returns their homework book on time each week.

If you have any queries or concerns about your child's learning in Year 4, please contact us using our class email: [4d@aliceinghamrc.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:4d@aliceinghamrc.rochdale.sch.uk).

Thank you for your continued home support.

Kind regards,  
Mr McGhee