

# SHERWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## YEAR 4 SUMMER 1 NEWSLETTER



### KEY VOCABULARY

<b>precipitation</b>	rain, snow, sleet, or hail that falls to or condenses on the ground
<b>evaporation</b>	when the sun heats the water in rivers, lakes or oceans and turns it to a gas called water vapour
<b>tributary</b>	a river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake
<b>meander</b>	winding curve or bend of a river
<b>source</b>	the place where a river begins
<b>water cycle</b>	the way in which water moves around the earth
<b>condensation</b>	the process where water vapour becomes liquid
<b>vibration</b>	quickly moving back and forth (or up and down) about a point of equilibrium
<b>pitch</b>	the quality of a sound governed by the rate of vibrations producing it; the degree of highness or lowness of a tone
<b>fainter</b>	light, smell, or sound which is barely perceptible

### Summer 1 2024

The Summer term will be an exciting time to broaden the curriculum with more opportunities for outdoor learning in what we hope will be lovely weather.

We will have one PE day per week this half term, which will be every Tuesday. Please come to school in your Sherwood shorts, T-shirt and tracksuit top. You only need your jogging bottoms over the top of your shorts if the weather is particularly cold.

Homework will still be set on a Friday, to be completed by the following Wednesday. This may be in the CGP maths book, Spelling Frame, Mymaths or the green homework book.

In 4LT, Miss Wallace will be working alongside Miss Terrell on her final teaching placement with Preston Teaching School Alliance.

If you have any further questions, please come and speak to Mr Billington or Miss Terrell.

### KEY KNOWLEDGE

In science, we will be studying British Birds and their habitats. We will complete the 'Big Sherwood Bird Watch'. In our DT units, we will be designing our own bird hides, thinking about the features required to be successful. In Geography, the children will be learning about rivers and the water cycle. The focus will be on the features and stages of a river, culminating in our trip to Ingleton Waterfalls next half term.

### THIS HALF TERM WE ARE READING

This half term year 4 will be enjoying reading 'Twitch' by M.G.Leonard.

We continue to ask you to encourage your child to read regularly with an adult. This does not mean sitting and reading every page aloud - it could be a discussion of the content following some independent reading. The input of parents is still vital in Year 4, even if they are on the reading pathways, so please continue to support their reading and write any comments in your child's home school diary.

### SPELLING FOCUS

<b>rule/suffix</b>	<b>examples</b>
S sound spelt sc	science abscess
sh sound spelt ch	chef machine
Shun suffix	addition admission politician
Suffix '-ly'	happily frantically

### KEY MATHS SKILLS

This half term the children will be developing their skills in the following maths units:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and Division

This half term for our homework we are going to focus on our times tables. Each week we will sent home times table activities to complete. To support your childs understanding of times tables please continue to use '[Hit the Button](#)' and '[TTRockstars](#)'.