

SHERWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 4 SPRING 1 NEWSLETTER

KEY VOCABULARY

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| physical feature | a natural feature on the surface, such as water, mountains, and deserts. |
| human feature | things that are built by humans such as bridges and roads |
| environment | the surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives or operates |
| recycling | the action or process of converting waste into reusable material |
| oesophagus | the muscular tube which connects the throat to the stomach. |
| intestines | the intestines are part of the digestive system of the body. They are sometimes called the guts or bowels. |
| saliva | watery liquid secreted into the mouth by glands, providing lubrication for chewing and swallowing, and aiding digestion. |
| canines | a pointed tooth between the incisors and premolars of a mammal, often greatly enlarged in carnivores. |
| molars | a grinding tooth at the back of a mammal's mouth. |
| incisors | a narrow-edged tooth at the front of the mouth, adapted for cutting. In humans there are four incisors in each jaw. |

SPRING 1 2025

Happy New Year! We all hope you have had a fantastic Christmas, and you were able to spend time together with family and friends. We welcome Mr Ashton this term to Class 4JB.

We have got lots of exciting topics and opportunities this half term. Our PE day is Tuesday where the children will be learning the skills required to play Boccia and completing a unit on gymnastics both led by Teamtheme.

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday and should be handed in the following Wednesday.

KEY KNOWLEDGE

In Art, the children will be learning to develop their drawing skills. Exploring with linear lines, natural objects and a range of different drawing tools.

In RE, we will be learning about how Sikhs express their beliefs and values.

In Geography, the children will be investigating human and physical features of the UK as well as completing an environmental study based around rubbish and recycling.

In Science, we will be learning about the digestive system. They will learn about the different types of teeth and their purposes. We will learn the journey of food through the human body by completing a range of investigations.

THIS HALF TERM WE ARE READING

This half term Year 4 will be learning about stories with an issue or dilemma using the supporting text - 'A Matter of Loaf and Death'.

We will also be reading a selection of explanation texts to discover their features.

At home, children are encouraged to read regularly with an adult and discuss the text read, as well as reading independently.

SPELLING FOCUS

| rule/suffix | examples |
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| The i sound spelt y e.g. myth, crypt | myth crypt crystal |
| g sound spelt 'gu' | guide guitar guard |
| 'ture' words | mixture moisture feature |
| Homophones | scene/seen, mail/male, bawl/ball |

KEY MATHS SKILLS

This half term, the children will be developing their skills in the following math's units:

- Place value
- Multiplication
- Division
- Addition and Subtraction
- Fractions

We also continue to focus on learning our times tables. Please see your child's diary for their personal *Heat Map* which shows which tables your child still needs to focus on. Please can children continue to practise these at home? We will have regular challenges in school using TT Rockstars. Please encourage your child to aim to achieve their Badge 12 during this term. Please see the Times Table Challenge tab on the Year 4 class page for more information.