



Year 4 Newsletter: Summer 2



We hope you have had a fantastic break and are ready for another busy term in Y4! We have lots of exciting learning ahead of us!

Marvellous Me



Remember to check Marvellous Me

PE Days:

Koalas: Indoor PE on Tuesday, Swimming on Wednesday

Pandas: Indoor PE on Monday, Swimming on Wednesday

Children should wear a white, collarless t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit



Literacy – We will begin our literacy with a new book called ‘Tin Forest’ The children will learn how to use language and structure to write contrasting setting descriptions and change the mood of their writing. We will also be exploring some of the environmental issues that our planet is faced with, look at influential climate change activists and create our own persuasive leaflets to encourage people to protect our planet. Finally, we will write our own list poems inspired by the changing oceans and coral reefs due to over-fishing and plastic pollution.

Mathematics - We will start the half-term by learning about statistics and line graphs before moving onto position and direction. We will also be consolidating some of the skills that we have learnt this year to ensure we are confident and secure with these.

Geography – In geography we are looking at urban settlements with a focus on Sheffield. We will explore what early settlers would have looked for, why people might have chosen to settle in Sheffield both in the past and present day, how Sheffield has changed as a settlement over time and the reasons for this. We will use digital mapping tools to look at land use across Sheffield, learn about scaled maps and 4-figure grid references. We will also be conducting some fieldwork in Graves Park.

Science - In science, we will be learning all about living things and their habitats. We will learn about how living things can be grouped and classified before learning about the risks that plants and animals are now being faced with. We will take our learning outside and head to the park to identify different plant and animal species.

DT – We will be taking inspiration from our science topic during DT. We will research different habitats, the dangers they face and use this to create our own shoebox habitats. These will include a moving part containing a linkage and lever.

Computing—This half term we will be continuing our work on programming. We will be using the Microbits (mini computers) and learning how to program them to do different things.

Music – For our music sessions we will be appraising and evaluating different genres of music, including pop, rock, jazz, reggae and classical.

PE – This half term in PE we will be continuing our swimming sessions and learning how to play dodgeball within our indoor sessions. Children should please wear a white t-shirt and black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a black jumper, as well as trainers on their PE days.

RE— In RE this half term, we will be looking at how and why people mark significant events of life.

RSHE- This half term, we will be focusing on ‘Sex Education’. We will look at some of the changes that may happen as we grow.

P4C— We will be focusing on the environment and discussing whose responsibility it is to care for our planet. We will be exploring keys concepts such as climate change, the environment, responsibility and change.

Homework:

We would like children to **read at least 3 times a week**, at home. Please listen to your child read out loud and ask them questions about the book. Please record the name of the book and the pages read in the reading diary. Please can this be signed by an adult and brought into school every **Friday**.

For the homework project, **at least one piece of work** needs to be completed and brought into school for the homework showcase. If needed, it can be emailed to: enquiries@mundella.sheffield.sch.uk