



## Year 4 Hummingbirds Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to Spring 1!

**We hope you have had a wonderful break and are ready for an action-packed half term!**

Our learning will be centred around **Wonders or the World** this half term.



### Key dates for your diary:

Thursday 8th January Years 4 and 5 Apollo Music trip

Friday 23rd January Year 4 assembly

Tuesday 27th January Aviary coffee afternoon  
2.30-3.30pm

Friday 13th February end of Spring 1

Monday 16th- Friday 20th February half term

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February half term camp and preschool open

Monday 23rd February Spring 2 begins

In History, we will be learning about **wonders of our world**

In this unit, pupils develop a secure understanding of the wonders of the world through history and geography. They will discover both the wonders of the ancient and modern world. They will discuss the possible reasons only one of the ancient wonders remains standing, locate the 7 modern wonders of the world on a map and identify human and physical features of the wonders.

You can read about the ancient wonders here:

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/seven-wonders>

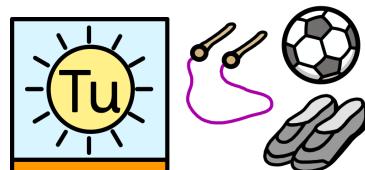
And the modern wonders here:

<https://www.britannica.com/list/new-seven-wonders-of-the-world>

### PE Kits

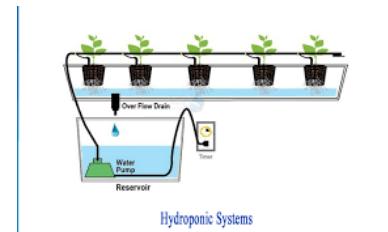
Class PE Day: **Thursday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Tuesdays**.



### Campaign

Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Green.' We will be discussing hydroponics and its benefits to the community



Reading	Writing
<p>This half term we will be reading ' The Breakfast Club Adventures' by Marcus Rashford as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of mystery, adventure , friendship and teamwork.</p> <p>Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finding information in the text</li> <li>- Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words</li> <li>- Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters</li> <li>- Making predictions about what will happen next</li> </ul> <p>To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below:</p> <p><a href="https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/">https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/</a></p>	<p>Our writing units this half term will focus around humorous and newspaper writing. The children will produce a scientific report about the functions and history of parachutes, including writing about our own experiment. They will also write narrative pieces including humour and their own newspaper reports.</p> <p>During these units, the pupils will focus on adding burger sentences to their work. This includes adding extra information (often but not always a relative clause) into a sentence.</p> <p>For example:</p> <p>Parachutes, which are used to slow down the fall of objects through air, operate based on air resistance.</p> <p>Please see the link below for further information linked to relative clauses.:</p> <p><a href="#">Relative Clauses</a></p> <p>Please support your child's spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings.</p>
Maths	Science
<p>In Maths this half term, we will be covering:</p> <p><b>Division, Graphs and Fractions</b> - learning how to divide whole numbers into fractions, how to add and subtract amounts in decimals and to convert fractions into percentages.</p> <p>In graphs we will be concentrating on bar and line graphs.</p> <p>You can find out about bar graphs here:</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7rcwmn/articles/z9kbp4j">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7rcwmn/articles/z9kbp4j</a></p> <p>And line graphs here:</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7rcwmn/articles/zgv8bqt">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7rcwmn/articles/zgv8bqt</a></p>	<p>Our Science topic this half term will be around 'Sound' We will explore vibrations, volume and pitch whilst investigating different sounds.</p> <p>We will develop our scientific skills by researching, recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigations and results.</p> <p>The link below provides some useful information about the topic we will be studying:</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgffr82">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgffr82</a></p> 

ICT	<b>Programming</b> This unit looks at patterns and repeats, breaking things down and creating a program.
PSHE	<b>Dreams and Goals</b> We will discuss the dreams and goals we have for our futures and how we can plan to achieve these. We will understand that we need resilience to achieve our goals and may have to overcome disappointment and challenges along the way.
RE	<b>Islam</b> Our question is 'Does completing a pilgrimage make someone a better muslim' We will look at the core beliefs of Islam and the different ways a Muslim can be committed.
PE	PE lessons this half term will focus on Hockey. Class PE Day: <b>Thursday</b>
Music	<b>Rock and Roll Music</b> The children will be exploring rock and roll music looking at the Beatles.
Art	This term in Art, the children will be diving into the exciting world of airplanes and travel. They'll practice drawing planes, learn about the bold art style of David Klein, and create their own colorful prints. This journey combines drawing skills, historical art insights, and printmaking to show how air travel connects us globally.
DT and Cooking	<b>Cooking</b> This half term in Cooking, we will be making pastas. In Year 4, we will be learning how to make a tomato based sauce for our pasta.
Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.	
<a href="#"><u>Visit our website for dates, news and other information</u></a>	