

Year 4 News

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Our big idea- Diversity.

This funny and empowering story weaves together three classic fairytales into one new adventure with an unusual structural twist: Rumaysa is a Muslim girl who lets her hijab down from a tall tower in order to escape. Set in a magical version of South Asia, Rumaysa explores enchanted forests and dragon lairs, teaming up with Cinderayla and Sleeping Sara along the way to create a strong sense of sisterhood.

<p><u>English learning</u> Writing- We will be writing our own fairy tales and writing amazing setting descriptions. Reading- We will be developing our fluency skills and comprehension skills through our whole-class reading sessions.</p>	<p><u>Maths Learning</u> Maths- We will be using the Maths No Problem programme. This term we will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction. Times tables- It is so important that your children know or have strategies to help them calculate their times tables- please practice these at home with them.</p>	<p><u>Science learning</u> Electricity- We will be looking at electrical forces and circuitry in science this half term. Thinking like a scientist- We will be working on developing our questioning skills and how we use these to develop an understanding of the world around us.</p>
<p><u>PSHE- Jigsaw</u> Being me in my world- We will be learning all about how we can make valuable contributions to the communities we are a part of.</p>	<p><u>Religious Education learning</u> Life journeys- We will be learning about the life journeys of Christians, Muslims, Hindus and Humanists.</p>	<p><u>Art and D&T</u> Mark making- We will be developing our fine motors skills while exploring mark making this half term.</p>
<p><u>Music Learning</u> In Harmony- We will still be doing In Harmony session every Friday, so instruments need to be in on these days. The Music of the Term is 'rock music'.</p>	<p><u>PE learning</u> Team games – On Fridays, we will be working on a variety skills needed to participate in team games. We will also be developing our motor skills with a ball. Working as a team- As always, a big focus in PE will be working effectively as a team.</p>	<p><u>Computing</u> Networks– In computing, we are learning about how information is shared through the World Wide Web. We will also look at how to judge the authenticity of information and protect our content.</p>

What can you do to support your child's learning?

- 1) Listen to them read and read to them. They should be bringing a book home every day, and then returning it to school so that their teacher can read with them.
- 2) Encourage them to use Times Table Rock Stars and Spelling Shed. Knowing their times tables is so important, so rehearse these whenever you can. The spellings on their homework relate to the spelling learning we are doing in school, so it is important that they practice these at home.

Thank you very much,

Mr. Ebling & Mr. Nicholls