

# Engage, Enquire, Excel at Millfield

Welcome to the Spring Term of Year 4. There are lots of learning opportunities planned for your child this term which we are sure they will enjoy and find interesting.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to your continued support.

Miss Bashford and Miss Green

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Weekly homework tasks will be set on a Friday and will be due the following Wednesday for English and Maths. Grids will be on the Google Classroom for Year 4 and also in the homework packs.
- PE will normally be on Thursday for both classes although this is subject to timetable changes. 4G have their other PE day on Monday and 4B have theirs on a Friday. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school all week and is able to remove earrings if worn.

<p><b>English</b></p> <p>Using the text Winter’s Child by Alison Mcallister we will write a fantasy narrative about lightness and darkness. Following this we will read the Selfish Giant, Tar Beach and Varmints and create a variety of text types based on these. Our reading this term will be focused on The Firework Maker’s daughter followed by Tamarind and the star of Ishta.</p> 	<p><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>In these lessons and across the curriculum we will be learning how to enable others to communicate effectively, using listening, negotiation, debating and chairing skills. There will be opportunities to understand the potential links between their likes, dislikes and skills and future work.</p> 
<p><b>Maths</b></p> <p>This term we will study multiplication and division, length and measure and fractions.. We will also begin to learn about decimals.. Throughout the term we will be continuing to practise times tables up to 12x12 ready for the multiplication check in June.</p> 	<p><b>Religion and World Views</b></p> <p>Through Sikhism, the children will learn about an important festival called ‘Vaisakhi’ as well as understanding what is important to a Sikh. We will then move onto the Easter Week for Christians nearer to Easter itself! The children will be encouraged to share their own ideas and thoughts whilst also considering their own world views during every lesson.</p> 
<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>Our science topics this term will be states of matter and grouping and classifying, where we will be exploring animal and plant kingdoms and creating classification keys to identify living things. We will also be looking at the water cycle as part of our geography topic on rivers and mountains.</p> 	<p><b>PE</b></p> <p>In PE we will develop our teamwork and communication skills as we learn more about dodgeball with the coaches from Active Play. We will also take part in a whole school dance project using resources from the Royal Opera House and the ballet Alice in Wonderland. PE lessons will normally be on a Monday and Thursday for 4G and Thursday and Friday for 4B.</p> 

<p><b>Geography</b></p> <p>In geography we are studying mountains and rivers. The children will be learning about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world, including a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them.</p> 	<p><b>Computing</b></p> <p>Through Google Sheets and Google Slides, the children will be collecting weather data and presenting their findings. We will explore how the weather is predicted using various pieces of equipment.</p> 
<p><b>Art</b></p> <p>Our Art topic this term will allow us to explore how we display our work and how this can affect the way it is seen. The children will create a piece of artwork inspired by the idea of "Plinth".</p> 	<p><b>Design Technology</b></p> <p>We will be creating a design for fabric as well as learning to sew a hem. Additionally, the children will explore embroidery.</p> 
<p><b>Music</b></p> <p>Through exploring and learning notes, the children will create and compose using a glockenspiel. They will practise reading music.</p> 	<p><b>French</b></p> <p>The children will practise their speaking and listening, reading and writing in French by learning about animals and colours.</p> 

**Useful Links for Parents**

**Maths:**

- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/problem-solving>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>
- <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most-popular>
- <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/126195>

**English:**

- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>
- <https://www.theschoolrun.com/spelling-in-year-3-and-year-4>
- <https://www.onceuponapicture.co.uk/>
- <http://www.pobble365.com/>
- <https://trackmyread.org/school/millfield-primary-school-289313>