

# Year 4 Spring 1 Newsletter



## What's On

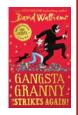
PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Please come into school in PE kits.

Swifts will have Brass this term and Swallows will have it in the summer term. All instruments will be provided.

# **English**

Our Writing will be centred around the book 'Gangsta Granny.'

We will do daily grammar/ spelling lessons and whole-class reading each day too.



#### **Maths**

We base our learning in Maths from White Rose Maths. This half term we will be focusing on Multiplication and Division, Length and Perimeter, Fractions and Decimals. We have daily starters which re-cap on prior learning.



#### Science

Our topic is called 'Switched On' (Electricity)

We will be looking at which items use mains electricity and batteries, how to make a lightbulb work, making a circuit, added switches and wires and finally exploring conductors and insulators.

# PSHE/RSE

We will be focusing on different types of Families. We will teach the children how to recognise healthy, positive relationships and how to deal with unhealthy ones.

# Geography

We are focusing on 'Why does Italy shake and roar?'

Within this topic we will explore Italy looking at location, landmarks, physical and human features, major cities, climate, topography, tectonic plate boundaries and volcanic activity.

# Computing

We are learning about Data Logging.

We will be looking at how and why data is collected over time before using data loggers to carry out an investigation.





#### Art

Painting and mixed media: Light and Dark

During this topic we will share ideas about a painting, discuss real-life experiences of how colours can appear different, paint an object in 3D, explain composition, produce a clear sketch and create a final painting.

#### Music

We are learning about Samba music this half term. We will be listening to, composing and performing.



# **Key dates**

- Wednesday 10th January—Captain Chemistry
- Tuesday 16th January—Team Building Festival Maiden Castle
- Class Assembly—TBC



## Reminder...

Remember to label your child's clothes to help lost items get rehomed. Please ensure your child is reading every night, even if it is only for 10 minutes. This is key to all parts of learning in school. Please write each time they have read in their organiser. When children are finished with their book, please ensure it is brought back so it can be changed.