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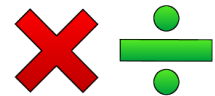
Autumn 2 Newsletter Year 4

Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers,

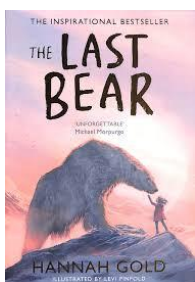
Year 4 has lots of exciting learning happening across the curriculum. In this newsletter, we'll share what's planned for the term!

Maths

In maths, we are learning to use strategies to find the area of a shape. We will be moving on to methods for multiplication and division and this will remain our focus for the remainder of the term. Along the way, there will be problem-solving opportunities and time for children to reason and reflect on the various strategies introduced over the term. Alongside this newsletter, we are providing White Rose workbooks to help consolidate learning taking place in Class. Please also continue practising times tables at home, up to the 12 times table.



Literacy



To begin this term, our writing stimulus is 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. We will be writing a diary entry, from the perspective of April, after she finds out that she will be moving to Bear Island! Following this, we will create setting descriptions of Bear Island (in the Arctic Circle). Some of the writing techniques we will be using are fronted adverbials, subordinating conjunctions, time adverbials and writing in first person using an informal style.

Reading

During our reading sessions, we are reading 'Race to the Frozen North' by Catherine Johnson. This is an adventure story about an incredible man named Matthew Henson. It tells of his treacherous journey to the North Pole.



The Wider Curriculum



In Science, we're exploring the wonders of sound! We will investigate how sounds are created, exploring the role of vibrations and how they travel through different materials to reach our ears. We will discover patterns in pitch and volume, learning how the size and strength of vibrations affect what we hear. Finally, we'll observe how sound fades with distance.

In Design & Technology, we will learn about the suitability of materials for clothing to be used in cold regions, such as the Arctic and Antarctic. We will be making some mittens using sewing skills and our knowledge of materials to design and construct a functional product. In Geography, we are focusing on the Polar regions and mapping the world using lines of longitude and latitude, hemispheres, meridians, tropics and the Equator. In RE, we are continuing our learning about Hinduism, focusing on Brahman, the supreme soul, and its three main forms: Brahma (the creator), Vishnu (the preserver), and Shiva (the destroyer). We'll explore how Hindus pray to different gods for various needs and how these deities represent Brahman.

PE

Swimming lessons continue this term (up until February half-term). Mrs Rowe's class go swimming on Wednesday mornings and Ms Tonkin's class on Thursday mornings. We will also be learning dance this term.

Key dates

- 7.11.25 Junk Orchestra music specialist Year 4 workshop in school
- 17.12.25 Year 3 & 4 Christmas show

If you have any questions, please contact us through the office at halstow@compassps.uk and it will be redirected to the relevant person.

All the best to you and your families,
Mrs Rowe and Ms Tonkin
Year 4 Team