

# Week beginning

01/11/21

# Year 4 Newsletter

## STAR moments

We had a great final week of the half term. We watched the speeches that were made across the school, well done to 4R for being one of the winners! 4L have created a fantastic book corner and they won a prize for their class. They were treated to a book corner picnic which the children enjoyed. Not forgetting 4H who were the winners of the T.T.R.S. competition. We have enjoyed an art day this week and the children created still life drawings of a pepper using charcoal. As you can see we have some budding artists among us.

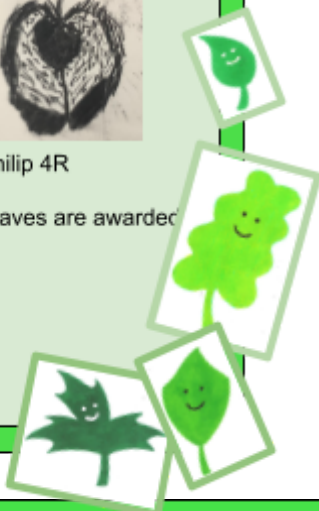


Felicia 4H



Philip 4R

This week's happy leaves are awarded to  
**4H Murilo**  
**4R Sarah**  
**4L Tommy**



## This week's learning..

This week, sees the start of our new topic 'Media Mayhem'. In this topic, we will explore a range of different ways that news is shared around the world. This term we will be reading and taking inspiration from the book by Charles Dickens, Oliver Twist. In English, Year 4 will be analysing newspaper articles. We will explore all the journalistic features of a newspaper and the children will be rehearsing a variety of oracy techniques, such as interviewing and becoming a news presenter! This links nicely with computing where we will introduce the concept of being a presenter. Watch presenters in action and discuss the features of presenting.

In Maths this week, we are continuing to work on Maths No Problem where we will be learning about subtraction within 10,000. We will begin D&T this half term and creating a light box. This will be made from wood and we will be learning how to create a 3D box with this material. The children will need all their skills learnt in science last term to create circuits to light up their boxes. As scientists our new topic is States of Matter where we will explore a number of liquids and gases and create questions about different substances such as honey, shaving foam, washing up liquid, we will then set up an investigation to classify what are solids or liquids.

As readers, our new class text will be the Industrial Revolution, this is a non fiction text and links very nicely with all our learning this term. We will be combining history and geography and this week we will be looking at, what is human geography, how human geography is different to physical geography, how is it evident in our local area and looking at the features of human geography in London with a focus on the Docklands. In music we will begin practising for our Christmas Concert, the children will learn vocal technique, breathing and performance skills. Throughout the whole half term they will focus on their singing, listening, performing and appraising skills. We will learn all the songs ready for a performance in the last week of term. Now we like to be different in year and we know it is Autumn and not Summer. In P.E. this term the children will be working with an outside provider who will be teaching us all about cricket!

# Don't forget!

**P.E is on Tuesday - Children need to wear their PE kit to school. Remember to bring in a jumper as the days begin to get a little colder.**

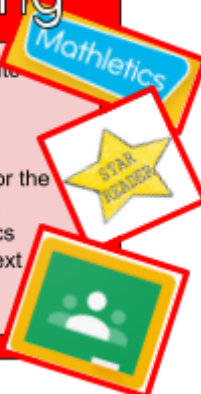
**Fit Friday is on Friday - don't forget your Fit Friday T. Shirt.**

## Over to you...Home learning

We have a spelling resource for the children to use at home. The website is [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) and Year 4 log on for all children is as follows:  
**username: staryear4**

**Password: spelling**

There are also E - Books and E - Audio books here as well. Spellings for the week can be found on Google Classroom along with times tables tests. Children are to continue working on Times Tables Rock Stars, Mathletics and Bug Club. There will be class competitions on TTRS look out for next week's winners!



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