



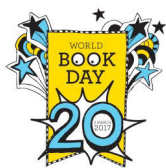
SPRING NEWSLETTER

Year 4

Dates for your diary

Dinosaur Project	4.1.18-
Dinosaur and Explorer Mufti Day	12.1.18
Warwick Castle 4H & 4E	23.01.18
Warwick Castle 4C & 4S	25.01.18
Swimming	4 Hazel
Mufti Day	9.02.18
Half term	12.02.18- 16.02.18
Last day of term	29.03.18

WORLD BOOK DAY
1st MARCH



ACHIEVEMENTS

We are extremely proud of all our children in year 4 and they have made great progress.

Reading

Calum Evans-Farrar (4S)
Adeena Zia (4H)
Maida Hasan (4C)
Amani Jama (4E)

Writing

Natalia Kozluk (4S)
Abdikadar Aaden (4H)
Mustafa Faqeerzada (4C)
Aiman Hassan (4E)

Maths

Haroon Nouman (4S)
Samar Momand (4H)
Sai Kamatam (4C)
Jessica Fenton (4E)



Welcome back...

Welcome back to the New Year at Montem Academy. We hope you all have had a lovely break and are ready for a positive and fun filled 2018 in Year 4.

We would like to take this opportunity to kindly remind you of our school rules and expectations:

School Day: Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time each day. The class teacher will be waiting for the class at 8.45. Every morning begins with a reading session; if your child is consistently late, they will miss out on this vital learning opportunity.

Uniform: Children must come to school wearing the correct uniform. Only black, flat shoes are allowed, plain black trainers are acceptable. The correct PE kit must also be worn for PE and Games lessons (sky blue shirt with Montem logo T-shirt, black or navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms) Children will no longer be allowed to wear designer sports wear. If your child wears a headscarf please ensure that it is plain black, white or navy.

Jewellery: Children should not wear any jewellery to school. Only small studs, a watch and items of religious importance are permitted.

Homework: It is very important that we work together so that your child can consolidate their skills at home. Please ensure that you encourage and support your child with their homework and hear them read every day.

Attendance: It is vital that your child attends school every day in order for them to reach their full potential. The school's expectation for attendance is 97%.

If your child is unable to attend, please make sure that you phone the school office in the morning and everyday thereafter.

English

This term in English, the children will have opportunities to listen frequently to stories, poems, non-fiction and other writing, including whole books. In their writing, they will learn to use features of instructions, newspaper reports, fantasy stories and play scripts.

Expectations

Spelling

- spell homophones
- place the possessive apostrophe accurately
- write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher

Handwriting

- understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined

- use fluent joined handwriting of a correct size



Mathematics

Here are some of the topics we will be covering in our maths lessons this term:

- Multiplication and division
- Graphs
- Fractions
- Time

The children will study each topic in depth at a slower pace which leads to greater progress. In our lessons, advanced learners are challenged with rich and sophisticated problems within the topic. Those children who are not sufficiently fluent are provided additional support to consolidate their understanding of mathematical concepts.



Science

Living things

Through this unit, the children will begin to understand the concept of a habitat, how it provides organisms found there with conditions for life and how animals depend on plants or other animals which eat plants for food. In this topic the children will be grouping different living things and will also be using keys to identify plants and animals.



Electricity

Next half term, the children will be exploring **electricity** and the need for complete circuits. They will enjoy discovering what is needed to make different components work and designing and making switches.



Geography

Extreme weather

In this unit the children will learn about the effects of extreme weather. They will also have opportunities to discuss the weather forecasts and decide how they are useful for humans.



Towns

The children will learn to explain what a town is and what the most important parts of a town are. They will be given the chance to learn how towns have de-



Computing

This term, the children will be moving onto programming and development. In this topic they will be making their own computer programme.



Art

In Art this term the children will be exploring various mediums and techniques.

They will have the opportunity to explore different artistic materials to create different objects. This will be part of our cross curricular links with History and Geography.



History

This term in History we are covering the Norman period in British history.



The children will learn about:

- the Battle of Hastings
- the importance of a feast in medieval times
- famous Norman motte and bailey castles
- how effective the Norman castles were
- what the Bayeux Tapestry is and why it was made

