



Happy New Year from the Year 4 team!

Welcome to the Spring term, we are looking forward to another busy and fun filled term of learning. Thank you to all parents/carers who were able to attend the recent Parent Consultation meetings; we hope you found these informative and useful.

Our new topic is a Geography focus; we will be looking to answer the enquiry question: **How do European countries work together to build a better future?** We will be investigating the continent of Europe and studying two European countries/ cities.

Our core text in English is *Number the Stars*, written by Lois Lowry. We will be writing narratives from other points of view, creating a persuasive letter and constructing a balanced argument using a range of writing techniques. We will also continue to focus on the Year 3/4 Common Exception Words. Please continue to practice these at home.

In Mathematics, we will be studying division (formal written methods), fractions, time, decimals and area and perimeter and in Science we will be studying animals including humans.

We are excited to be participating in the **Superstars Festival on Monday 5th February**. This takes place at CSAC (Chelmsford Sports and Athletic Centre). The children will have the opportunity to participate in several sporting activities and will compete against other schools to accumulate the largest number of points. On this day, children will need to be dressed in school sports kit with earrings removed and long hair tied back. Please ensure children have a water bottle to take with them. It is important you complete the consent form (to come) prior to the event, otherwise your child will not be allowed to take part.

All SCS and Teacher based clubs start on **Monday 15th January until Friday 22nd March**.

Our library day is Tuesday; please make sure your child brings their reading book and Learning Passport into school each day. Please do try to listen to your child read regularly and sign their passports. Our aim is for every child to read at home five times a week. Please also continue to encourage your child to regularly access Times Table Rockstars as this is fantastic preparation for the statutory Multiplication Tables Check scheduled for June of this year. We will continue to use homework labels in the Passport for weekly tasks, reminders and asks.

Children have their PE lessons on a **Wednesday** afternoon. Please remember that your child will need to arrive in school wearing their PE uniform. Before the lesson, children will be expected to remove earrings and ensure their hair is tied back. **Our additional Friday PE sessions are 9th February and 15th March this term.**

Additional notes:

- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school.
- Please ensure your child has the correct and complete uniform and hair tied back and brings a coat to school each day. If possible, please can you provide an old shirt/apron that can be left in school for Art lessons.
- **Monday 26th February INSET Day**
- **World Book Day March 7th (more details to follow)**
- Hygge Day (date TBC nearer the time)

We are very much looking forward to this term. Please do see a member of the Year 4 team should you have any questions.