



Happy New Year from all the Year 4 team! We are looking forward to helping the children to make even more progress this term, to continue to teach them the importance of working hard and allowing themselves to make mistakes in order to improve.

## Curriculum News

### English:

In English this half term we are exploring shape poetry and then we will read 'The Real Thief' and discuss and write stories where people are falsely accused. We will be learning how to use relative clauses and how to start our sentences in interesting ways. Our non-fiction writing will be explanation texts linked to water safety. After half term we will explore imaginary worlds such as Narnia and The Land of Neverbelieve.



### Maths:

- Learn and recall times tables
- Problem solving
- Fractions and decimals
- Rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000
- Multiplication and division of 2/3 digit numbers
- Measuring with a range of units
- Understanding properties of 2D and 3D shape

- Look at 'Have Fun Teaching' songs on Youtube to help with counting.
- Watch 'Maths Mansion' on Youtube, a fun show aimed at Junior school children.

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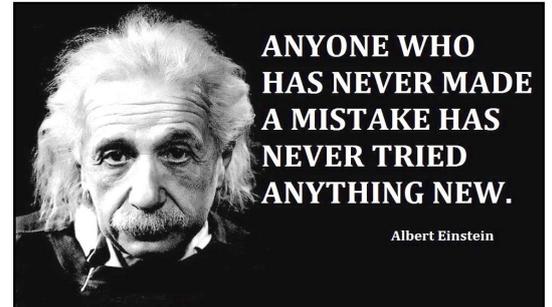
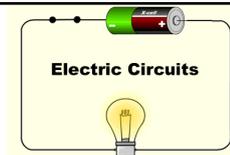
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### Other Subjects:

- Science—Electricity, Habitats and Food Chains
- Art—Sketching skills and using water colours
- Design and Technology— Controllable vehicles
- RE— Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?
- French— Parts of the body and classroom commands
- ICT— Coding



### PE

We shall continue to have PE on a Monday afternoon. Weather permitting, Year 4 PE will take place outside most of the year. Please make sure that your child brings their cold weather PE kit on Monday.



### Times Tables

You may have seen that times tables have featured in the national news recently. The government are stressing how important it is for your child to be able to recall their tables quickly and confidently. They are certainly important and underpin everything which is done during maths lessons.

Your child will practise them in maths lessons and regular practise at home would be hugely beneficial. Simply writing them out on a regular basis would allow the children to develop a more solid recall.



### Maths Whizz:

Please continue to encourage your child to use Maths Whizz at home. It is becoming very clear that children using Maths Whizz frequently at home are producing excellent levels of progress. In school, we aim to give children regular opportunities to use Maths Whizz. The more children can do at home, the better!