

# YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

**How can we use technology to communicate with people?**

**Outcome: Create a teaching tool to help children learn new Spanish vocabulary.**

## Literacy

We are beginning this term by learning our class text 'Adventure at Cambury Park'. We will be looking carefully at how speech is written in a story and then using this skill to write our own adventure stories. Later in the term, we will be exploring 'Just a dream' by Chris van Allsburg. It tells a story about a boy who has a dream about the future and what it will be like if he doesn't look after the planet.

**At home:** Use Pixl Unlock App for vocabulary games, or go onto Lexia Core 5 to support your reading.

## Maths

This term we will be continuing to focus on the core mathematical concepts children must know before they move into Year 5. These include times tables, mixed numbers and improper fractions, division problems and symmetry.

We will be completing the government times tables check in June to establish their knowledge. The children can practice the check on Times Table Rock Stars – soundcheck. This will give the children 25 questions with 6 seconds to answer each question.



## Physical Education

Athletics and cricket will be our main sports this term. We will be developing running, throwing and jumping skills. This will be taught **outside** so please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing. PE Kit is **white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers**. Please ensure that your child has a **black sweatshirt**. For your child's safety, earrings must be removed before any PE lesson.

Rowan class will be swimming the first week of term and then Aspen class will be going swimming on Wednesday morning for 4 weeks.

## Enterprise

At the start of the term we will be looking at enterprise. How do businesses make money? We will be learning about costs, selling prices and profit. Then using our knowledge of changing states of matter, we will be making some chocolate sweets to package and sell at the enterprise fair.

## Science

This term we will be focussing on electricity. We will be discovering which appliances use electricity, how to make a draw an electrical circuit as well as which materials will conduct and insulate electricity.

**At home:** Have a look on BBC Bitesize to find out more about electricity.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj44jxs>

## Computing

In computing this term we will be programming Microbits to help us learn Spanish. We will be learning how to plan a program, write it and then debug it. The end result should be some Spanish on the screen.

**At home:** Have a look at the microbit site and find out what it is all about. <https://microbit.org/>

## **Transition**

At the end of the term the children will spend 3 days with their new teacher (**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**) allowing them to get to know one another and for the children to feel more settled in their class before the summer break. It is essential that your child is in school for those three days as they will take part in various belonging activities with their new teacher and receive their homework project for the summer holidays.

## **REMINDERS AND DATES**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June INSET day – no children in school  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Term 6 starts  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Rowan Swimming  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Enterprise Fair  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Aspen Swimming  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Celebration Assembly  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Aspen Swimming  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Aspen Swimming  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Aspen Swimming  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Celebration Assembly  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Last Day in Current Class  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Transition Days  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Last day of term