

## Welcome back Year 4!

We hope you have had a great Easter break and are looking forward to the new term.



### **Reminders:**

You can contact us by emailing: [year4@westfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:year4@westfield.staffs.sch.uk)

PE days

Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4 Staff

Cedar Class: Mrs Robinson, Mr Richardson, Mrs Roberts

Alder Class: Mr Banks, Mrs Steele

### **English**



Our book "Why Beethoven Threw the Stew" paints a hilarious biographical portrait of the life of Ludwig Van Beethoven immersing the children in facts, dates and anecdotes. This will help the children to then write their own biographical portrait for a musician. Our fiction will focus on stories around a theme, where we will read and compare a range of stories and use a short and inspiring film, called "Monkey Symphony," to stimulate our own story writing.



### **Maths**

In their maths lessons this term, the children will be:

- Converting fractions to decimals/decimals to fractions.
- Comparing and ordering decimals.
- Solving problems including money and time.
- Recall multiplication and division facts up to at least 12 x.



### **Reading at home - Accelerated Reader**

We are continuing to encourage the children to read their chosen book throughout the week in school and at home. Children will then complete a quiz on their chosen book to assess their understanding.



### **Times tables**

Please continue to use 'Times Table Rockstars' to practise rapid recall of multiplication and division facts in preparation for their times table check in June.

### **Spelling**

Please practise the Year 3 and 4 common spelling words from National Curriculum Appendix (please ask your teacher for a list if you are unsure).

# Playlists

Time for the class to listen up! Sshh...what's that noise? A bash? A crash? A shake, a rattle or a low bass hum? The children are going to be taken on a journey through the valley of sound and find out about instruments, the sounds they make and how they are produced. They will discover how sounds are made and which sounds travel the furthest. The children will also be exploring the amazing works of Ludwig Van Beethoven.

## Religious Education

We will be exploring artefacts and stories that some religions use to describe attributes of God and make links with belief and practices of others.

## PSHE

Develop an appreciation of the range of national, regional, religious and ethnic identities in the United Kingdom as well as respect equality and learn how to be a productive member of a diverse community.

## PE

Gymnastics and Athletics will be covered this half-term in P.E. We will be preparing and fine honing our skills in preparation for sports day!



# Homework

Try your best to complete at least 2 pieces of homework this half term. Remember to bring your homework in to school so that we can celebrate your hard work in class.

Think up a funny name for a new band! Design a logo for the band.

Write a fan letter to a musical hero explaining what you like about their music

Make a musical dictionary.

Write song lyrics for a new song for your favourite band.

Learn a song by heart or play a piece of music on an instrument. Film yourself and show your class friends.

Make a 'spot the intro' quiz. Play an introduction to a song to see who can recognise it first.