



The Academy at
St James
Aspire, Achieve, Believe


Year 4 – Spring 2 Newsletter



As we approach Easter at the Academy at St James, we will be focusing on our core value of **Forgiveness**. We are keen to promote the need to apologise, when we know we have not made the right choice. However, equally important, we are looking to emphasise the positivity of forgiveness. It is important that the children understand that for our mental health and ability to work as a community, we need to accept we all make mistakes. For all parties, it is better to work together to overcome these issues. We thank you for helping us develop this mind-set, and encourage you to discuss forgiveness with your child.

Our topic continues to be '**Into the Wild**'. Thank you for supporting your children complete their homework over the holidays.

During this second part of the topic, we will be learning about how to protect foxes. We will explore foxes' natural habitats, the threats that they may face and how we can make a difference to help them. This will link to a Science focus of teeth and digestion.

English and Reading	Maths
<p>To continue with our topic, we are going to write and perform a poem about the dangers foxes face and their characteristics. Using 'Fox Tale' by Michael Foreman as our inspiration, we are going to write our own fox-based narrative. Following the success of our persuasive letters to help orangutan conservation, we are aiming to write to the government to ensure the safety of foxes in our country.</p> <p>In Reading sessions, we are also going to focus on foxes and their relationship with humans, as we finish reading 'Pax' by Sara Pennypacker.</p>	<p>We are going to learn about place value, more specifically with decimal (tenths and hundredths). This will include understanding of what digits mean, ordering decimals and converting between common decimals and fractions.</p> <p>Year 4 will take the national times table test later this year. We strongly encourage your children to practise their tables at home. Every child has a Times Table Rockstars account that they can access at home.</p> 

Topic and Science

In Science, we are going to be analysing the different teeth that humans have, and their function. Equally important, we will discuss how to look after our teeth. Subsequently we will research different animals' teeth, and compare the differences. From there, we will learn about food chains, diet and the digestion system. There will be an overall focus on maintaining our health.

Please ask us any questions you may have; we are available before and after school at the door, or you can arrange an appointment. Follow your child's learning through social media on Twitter @church_prim and @Y4church_prim and share photos and videos with school via Twitter by tagging our accounts.