

YEAR 4 KEEPING IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

Hola como estas? (Spanish)

Hello, how are you?

Hi Year 4,

This last weekend I decided to do something that I would normally enjoy doing at my weekends...but ONLINE! I discovered that there is a whole world of museums, art galleries and tours you can do all from your computer or tablet at home. You can even join some astronauts on a space station!

Check out these links for some amazing learning; but in a whole new way.

Metropolitan museum of Art

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/metkids/>

Watch some fish swimming around LIVE in an aquarium

<https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams>

Van Gogh Museum

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/van-gogh-museum?hl=en>

Check out some pieces of the Parthenon at The British Museum

<https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>

The famous French Louvre

<https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne/>

The Natural History Museum

<https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour>

You can even read the news.

<https://www.kidsnews.com.au/news>

MY PERSONAL FAVOURITE—watch videos straight from the NASA space station. They are even playing with slime up there! https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/station/videos/index.html



Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings

As we come to the end of the year, I would like you to have a go at seeing how many of the Year 3 and 4 spellings you know. Ask an adult to read them out, write them down and then check at the end which ones you need to practice.

accident	caught	eighth	heard	minute	possible	strange
accidentally	centre	enough	heart	natural	potatoes	strength
actual	century	exercise	height	naughty	pressure	suppose
actually	certain	experience	history	notice	probably	surprise
address	circle	experiment	imagine	occasion	promise	therefore
answer	complete	extreme	increase	occasionally	purpose	though
appear	consider	famous	important	often	quarter	although
arrive	continue	favourite	interest	opposite	question	thought
believe	decide	February	island	ordinary	recent	through
bicycle	describe	forward	knowledge	particular	regular	various
breath	different	forwards	learn	peculiar	reign	weight
breathe	difficult	fruit	length	perhaps	remember	woman
build	disappear	grammar	library	popular	sentence	women
busy	early	group	material	position	separate	
business	earth	guard	medicine	possess	special	
calendar	eight	guide	mention	possession	straight	

Here are some ideas for different ways to learn your spellings at home. Try one or two different ones each week and see which ones work best for you.

Keep Copying

Write your words out three times each. Use different colours if you want to.

spelling
spelling
spelling

Make the Headlines

Cut letters out of newspapers or magazines and stick them onto paper to make the words in your list.



Build a Pyramid

Make a pyramid using the letters in your words.

w
wo
wor
word
words

Create with Colour

Write your words with each letter in a different colour, or write them with all the vowels in blue and all the consonants in red.

spelling
spelling

Capital Idea

Write your words three times, each in capital letters.

SPELLING
SPELLING
SPELLING

Learn Your ABC

Write your words in alphabetical order, then rewrite them in order of the second letter, third letter and so on.

my
words
spelling
spelling
words
my

Take a Test

Ask someone at home to test you by reading each word as you write it down. To make it more of a challenge, set a time limit, for example 20 seconds per word.

1. my
2. spelling
3. words

Picture This

Include each of your words in a funny picture that makes you think of the word.



Build a Sentence

Write each of your words in a sentence. See if you can build your sentences into a story.

One day a huge
spelling monster
came to my town
and ate all the
words!

Message from Mr Rowland: Hello again year 4!

Another week has flown by, and on the subject of flying, we had a visitor in class on Tuesday. During maths, Mollie alerted me that a beetle had flown in through the window and landed under her desk. In fact, it was a stag beetle and it was *huge*. I took a photograph of it next to a green highlighter, so you can get an idea of how big it was. Did you know that they can live up to 7 years? Additionally, stag beetles are becoming endangered because there is a lack of rotting wood for them to lay eggs in. It made us think about where on the school grounds we should return it to. We named the beetle Steven, even though we weren't sure if it was male or female! If you want to find out more, you can look on this link where you can find lots of interesting facts: <https://ptes.org/get-involved/wildlife-action/help-stag-beetles/>



I will put in the box
the claw of a golden eagle,
the scale of a rainbow fish and
the glow of a will fire

I will put in the box
The roar of a brown bear,
The cheers of the down chrousead
The glow of the morning sun

I will put in the box
The strength of a mighty lion,
The generous boom of thunder and
The glancing speed of a cheetah

I will put in the box
The curving smile of a fox,
The laughs from a girl's ^{hair} and
The smell of Ruffle iris

My box is made from the last drops of a rainbow,
with twinkling stars on the lid and sparkling jules on the corners.
Its hinges are the joints of a maglodon.
I will ride on my box like a leaf in the wind
and soar high through the clouds -
and over the magnificent blue waves of the ocean.

Thank you to all the people who have been sending in examples of their work. I had a wonderful PowerPoint from Katie about animals. Sam also sent in a cracking PowerPoint with his teeth experiment. Isaiah sent in some maths on consecutive numbers. Lila has recommended a book called House with Chicken Legs, which sounds fascinating - thank you Lila. She also sent in her wonderful Magic Box poem, which is on the left.

What have you been reading? In our bubble at school, we have just finished 'I know what you did last Wednesday' by Anthony Horowitz. It's a very amusing book, even though it is a murder mystery, otherwise known as a 'Who done it?' The children were left on the edge of their seat until the end. We've now started another one of his books, 'The Blurred Man'. I hope to see you all soon.