

# Bowling Park Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Year 4 Summer 1 newsletter.

Our topic this half term is, **Children Through Time!**

This half term we are going to be learning about how children's lives have changed over time, and our enquiry questions is, **'How have children's lives changed?'**

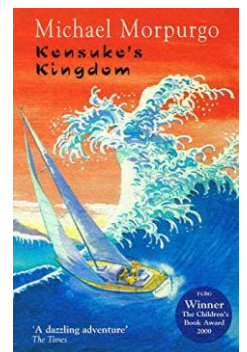
As we head into this exciting half term, we're diving into the fascinating topic of children's lives throughout history. As **Historians**, our focus will be on the Victorian and Tudor periods, where we'll be analysing various sources and travelling through time to answer our big question. We'll also explore games and leisure activities for children in Victorian times. To bring this to life, we're thrilled to announce our annual Victorian Fayre, where some children from other year groups will experience a slice of childhood from the past.



In **English**, we're excited to share that our writing focus will be a retelling of 'Our Tower' by Joseph Coelho. We'll be adapting it to reflect our lives in Bradford, celebrating the rich diversity of our environment and community that enriches our everyday experiences.

In **Guided reading**, we will be delving into 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. This

captivating tale follows a young boy named Michael, who finds himself stranded on a deserted island after falling from a yacht. It beautifully explores themes of survival, friendship, and the wonders of nature. Our second piece of writing in English will be based on the book - we will write a setting description of the beach Michael finds himself stranded on.



Our next topic for **Maths** is decimals. We will be learning what decimals are and how to recognise tenths and hundredths on number lines and place value grids. We will then be building on our decimal knowledge in our next two topics which will be calculating with money and time.

As always, Times Tables are an important part of our learning in Year 4 so we encourage you to go on TT Rockstars as much as you can at home.

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>



This half term, Year 4 will be diving into the exciting world of **electricity**! The children will explore circuits, experimenting with conductors and insulators. They'll create their own simple circuits and investigate how to power different devices. Exciting hands-on activities are sure to spark their curiosity!

### **Creative Homework Challenge!**

Why not spark some creativity at home? Try making a thaumatrope, a delightful toy invented in 1825 by Dr John Ayrton Paris. Just spin a disc with different images on each side, and watch the magic happen! It's a fun way to explore the wonders of optical illusions!



### **Reading Homework Challenge**

Read more about our science topic electricity using these links.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkj8rj6/articles/zcwnv9q>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-electricity>

You should already have your Spelling Shed and TTRockstars logins, but please let us know if you are having any problems accessing this at home. Please also make sure you are trying your best to read at home: even if it's just two pages each night.

### **Family challenge**

We invite you to take part in our Family Learning Challenge! Enjoy a walk around your local area and jot down all the places and people that are important to you. We'll use your insights for our upcoming write, happy exploring!

### **Homework expectations**

Please take some time to look at the following table to see what your child should be doing at home to extend their learning:

<b>Activity/Task</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
<b>Reading their book band book</b>	X3 a week
<b>TT Rockstar - Soundcheck</b>	Daily – for 5 minutes
<b>Spelling Shed</b>	Daily - for 5 minutes

### **P.E**

Our P.E day this year is Tuesday for New Cross Street and Friday for Usher Street. Please send your child to school in their P.E kit on this day.

As always, if you have any questions then please speak to your child's class teacher.

The Year 4 team