

Year 4 Newsletter

Welcome back to a new school year after a long break for many! We hope you will find the following information useful.



English & Maths



In English, we will be watching a variety of engaging video clips as a stimulus for writing as well as reading a range of short texts. Your child will have the opportunity to write a range of different text types including fiction and non-fiction. Our year group author is David Walliams so we will read a selection of his stories to reinforce the importance of reading for pleasure.

In Maths, we will be revising and reinforcing concepts already learned beginning with place value and moving onto addition, subtraction and negative numbers. As the children will be sitting a national times tables test in the summer term, we will place an emphasis on a quick recall of all times tables facts up to 12 x 12. The children would hugely benefit from using Times Tables Rock stars at home on a regular basis to support their learning at school. We have re-issued them with their passwords but please get in touch if you have any problems with this.



Homework



Your child will be given a piece of homework at the end of each week to be returned the following week. If you or your child have any questions or concerns regarding their homework please do not hesitate to contact us so we can offer support. Homework is an extension of your child's learning and meant to be fun. We do not want anyone feeling worried or upset about what they have been asked to complete. Homework will be set on a Thursday to be handed in on the following Wednesday.

History

This half term we will be focusing on Roman Britain and life in this country during the Roman occupation. We will investigate and explore key events and figures from this period of history. Children will develop their understanding of historical sources, chronology and empathy with characters from the past.



P.E.



Your child's PE lesson will be every Monday morning and Friday afternoon. Therefore, please ensure your child's kit is in school throughout the whole week and that they have a full PE kit that is suitable for both indoor and outdoor use, with plimsolls for indoor lessons and trainers for outdoor lessons. We would also advise that your child is equipped with some jogging bottoms for when the weather gets colder. Each item of your child's PE kit needs to be clearly labelled and sent into school in a bag. We will be starting this term with dance and competitive games.

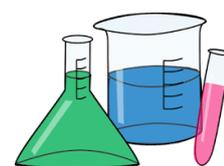
Reading & Times Tables

Reading every night is of great importance as it helps your child to decode words and become aware of higher vocabulary but most importantly, understand the story's meaning and what the author is trying to represent through their choice of words. Reading records will be collected every Monday and it is expected that children will have read at least three times a week to an adult. Most importantly, if you allow your child to access a wide range of reading material, they may find a genre that interests them and this will help them to develop a lifelong love of reading.

Science

During the Autumn Term, we will be learning about the Living Things and their habitats. Children will have the opportunity to carry out fieldwork around the school grounds to improve their understanding of wildlife in the local area as well man's impact on the environment.

The new curriculum programme of study aims to covers knowledge, understanding and working scientifically. Providing a context for an investigation always excites children's imagination and gives them a reason for their investigations. In our work we will aim to include aspects of STEM learning (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).



Art & D.T.

Art and Design Technology lessons are linked within many other subjects across the curriculum.

We will begin our art topic this year with creative worked linked to the Romans and later in the term, we will be designing, making and evaluating different products.



If you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact one of the Year 4 team.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Earle, Mrs Hall, Mrs Allen and Mrs Coates.

Computing

Children will be using a range of different programmes to present information in different ways. Alongside this, they will look at internet safety.

R.E/ SMSC

This term, we will begin our R.E work by learning about Hinduism. During the lessons, your child will be able to ask questions and learn about how and why Hindus celebrate Diwali and why religions have rules.

Additionally, during our SMSC lessons your child will consider the consequences of actions, both on a personal and larger scale, as well as healthy friendships and a research project on a different culture.