



Year 4 Newsletter Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 4! We have had a fantastic first week back and the children have already shown me that we are going to have a wonderful year together.

This term we have lots of exciting learning to do in every subject! Ancient Romans is our history topic, we will be learning about all things Roman, emperors, Chariot Racing, gods and goddesses, buildings and lots, lots more! Through this topic we will be creating art work, writing information texts, exploring how and why they did what they did and finding out about the interesting historical figures.

Our literacy work will be inspired through reading the book "The Matchbox Diary" We will be using this book to help with our fictional writing, to help us structure stories, expand our vocabulary and use different sentence types. We will have guided reading sessions together Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, where we will explore our class and develop our comprehension skills. Spelling and grammar will also be taught each week to help develop their writing skills further.

KS2 Reading

We have been incredibly fortunate in acquiring funding for new reading books in KS2, this has been spent on a wide variety of engaging and exciting books for our classroom libraries. We are moving away from free readers, providing novels, collections of poetry and information books to read instead of traditional reading scheme books. Children will be able to choose a book from their class library, they will scan it out and bring home to read, teachers will check in with children on a Monday and Thursday to see how they are enjoying their book and help them to change them when finished. Children and Parents are asked to fill in their reading bookmark, stating what they have read and any other comments, when they finish a book they will be expected to complete a book review for their peers. The aim of this new approach to reading is to encourage children to explore a wide range of high quality texts and acquire a love for reading and feeling of ownership over their reading journey.

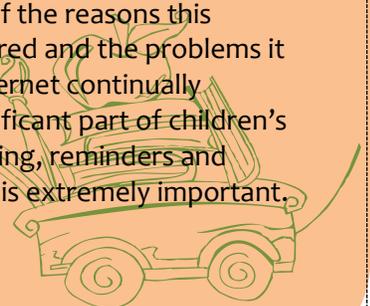
In Maths we are continuing to improve our knowledge and use of the multiplication facts. Children will work towards passing their Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check in summer 2020. Our maths lessons will expand our knowledge of number, statistics, shape and measure. Our maths lessons each week will begin with fluency practise and move on to problem solving and reasoning.

Our science topic this term is Dinner Time! Through this we will be learning about our digestive system and food chains. We will compare our diets and teeth to those of other animals and will be finding out about the difference between predators and prey. We are also going to carry out some experiments to find out the possible effects of different types of food on our bodies. We will link this to our PE lessons looking at how exercise impacts our body.

PE this year will have a team skills focus alongside children looking closely at how to improve their own skills. We will start this off with hockey skills this term.

In RE we will learn to explore and describe a range of beliefs, symbols and actions so that we can understand different ways of life and ways of expressing meaning. Who do we communicate with regularly and when do we thank others.

In ICT this term we are looking at the importance of internet safety and being safe online. We will look at describing some of the reasons this information might be shared and the problems it might cause. With the internet continually evolving and being a significant part of children's everyday life and upbringing, reminders and learning how to stay safe is extremely important.



Year 4	8:45-9:15	9:15-10:30	10:30-10:45	10:45:12:15	12:15-1:00	1:2:15	2:15:2:30	2:30-330		
Monday Mrs Jeffreys	<u>Reg/int</u>	Maths (SG)	B	Literacy Spelling games	L	Guided reading (SG)	Grammar/ handwriting (SG)	B	spelling fest	PSHE
Tuesday Mrs Jeffreys	<u>Reg/int</u>	Maths (SG)	R	Literacy Spelling games (SG)	U	Maths booster 1-130 130-145 Guided reading	Library 1:45-2:15 Questions/spell ing games	R	ICT (SG)	
Wednes day Mrs Ellis	<u>Reg JS</u>	9am PE JS	E	L2R	French	N	Science	E	Science	
Thursday Mrs Jeffreys	<u>Reg/ int</u>	Maths	A	PE	C	Guided reading	Literacy	A	RE	
Friday Mr Ollerton	<u>Reg/ass embly</u>	Maths	K	Topic/ creative writing	H	1-1:45 Topic/ creative writing (EE)	Singing 1:45-2:15	K	Topic/ creative writing	

HOMEWORK

This year for homework children will benefit from X table practise and spellings. Spellings will be tested on a Monday and x tables will be ongoing through the week.

Additional to this we will send home a piece of maths and a piece of English homework to reinforce and consolidate what we have been learning in class. These will come home on a Friday in a homework file. If your child has any difficulties or you have any concerns around homework please let me know so I can support this learning opportunity.

On top of their class guided reading lessons, children will have a reading book from the class library, we will check in with each child on a Monday or Thursday. Children will choose the book they bring home and when they finish it they will fill in a book review for their friends. Please listen to your children read and discuss what they are reading to help instil a love of reading. They will also be encouraged to bring home more books from the library to read to family members or themselves at home.

All their homework and things to remember will be written in their homework diaries on a Friday and as needed through the week.

Please communicate with us any problems and achievements through their homework diaries.

Reminders

Monday and Thursday – Class library book check in

Wednesday and Thursday - PE kits

Tuesday- Library books for changing

Friday- homework diaries signed

Fridays- homework in

Daily- homework diaries, reading books, pencil case

Mr Ollerton will be their teacher on a Friday.
Mr Ollerton has taught in many classes across school.

Please make sure your child has a water bottle each day that they can use in class.

I am confident that we are going to have a successful year and thoroughly enjoy ourselves!

Mrs Jeffreys

