



Class 4

The summer has flown by and it's time for your children to begin Year 4!

We are very excited to work with your wonderful children and looking forward to all the interesting topics we have planned.

Here is a brief overview of the half term.

English

Our aim this half term is to help the children become more resilient and able to evaluate and improve their own writing.

In English, we will be looking at two books by Dr Seuss: "Oh, the things they invented" and "The Lorax". We will use them as inspiration for instruction writing as well as looking at rhyme. We are also very excited to introduce a new book this half term, "The Invention of Hugo Cabret". The story will help us write character and setting descriptions, letters and short stories.

Maths

In maths, we will be covering a range of topics, starting with looking at place value and becoming accustomed with numbers up to 7 digits. We will then move on to using this knowledge of place value to consolidate our columnar methods of addition and subtraction. Year 4 is a very important year for times tables, with children expected to know all of them up to 12 X 12 by the end of the year. We hope that your children will be able to access our new online maths program, Mathletics. The children all have their log-in details stuck in their planners.

Topic

This half term, our topic is called Power and in History we will look at the Industrial Revolution. We will learn how the introduction of railways and canals changed Britain before looking at mills and factories and the machinery used in them.

Science and Computing

In science, we will be looking at electricity and the importance of safety before constructing simple circuits.

In computing, we will use the Purple Mash scheme to advance our understanding of coding. We will also cover e-safety.

PHSE and RE

During this half term in RE, we are going to be looking at how important events are celebrated.

In PSHE we will be discovering the class rules, and understanding why we have rules in society.

PE

We will be going swimming on a Friday afternoon throughout this year. The Sports Partnership will be working with our class on Thursdays. Your child will need a **fully-labelled** PE kit, including correct footwear, in school for these days to participate. As per the school policy, long hair must be tied up and earrings removed for swimming or taped up during PE.

Important Dates this half term:

Parents' Evening – Monday 21st October and Tuesday 22nd October

FONS disco (Halloween theme) - Thursday 24th October

Break up for half term – Friday 25th October



Ways to help your child in Year 4:

As Year 4 is an important year for learning all times tables up to 12 X 12, it would be great if you could test your child as often as you can. We will be fitting in as much practice as we can in school!

This year we have decided to eliminate the weekly spelling test and instead children will be expected to learn and use, in their independent writing, the year 4 spelling list as set out in the National Curriculum. We will focus on different spelling rules each week in our English lessons.

Also, ask your child what grammar rule they are learning each week. This year they need to be able to identify, define and give examples of conjunctions, nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, verbs, determiners and prepositions.

It is important that children still read with an adult as often as possible. In class, they will read with the teacher and a supporting adult on a rotating basis. If you could also read with them at home as often as you can, this will greatly help their comprehension skills as well as helping them widen their vocabulary for writing. Please could you write in their planner when they have read at home.

In addition, we will set tasks on Mathletics for your children to complete at home but they will also be able to work through the different sections at their own pace, earning rewards and certificates as they do. We will be showing the children how to use Mathletics in the second week of the half term.

Finally, we will communicate any homework via their planner, so please ensure it is brought to school every day.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Miss Watkins and Mrs Kendal.