



Year 4 Newsletter – September 2024



It is lovely to welcome all the children back after the summer holidays. The children have settled well into the new routines, and are keen to get started on our learning this term!

Topics for this term:

This term, in **English**, the children will start by writing some poetry using similes and metaphors. We will then writing diary entries inspired by the book 'The Black Dog' by Levi Pinfold. We will be working our way through the Year 4 spellings and grammar objectives, whilst practising our writing skills through good quality texts. We will need to reassess an appropriate level for your child's reading book. Please bear with us as this may take a week or two before we can send a book home. In the meantime your child will be able to choose a book from our class library to take home and read.

In **Maths**, the children will be concentrating on: place value, addition and subtraction and developing their problem solving and reasoning skills. The children will be practising their multiplication tables daily and will be tested weekly (every Friday) as by the end of Year 4, the curriculum states that all children should know their times tables up to 12x12.

In **Geography** we will be learning all about Europe Mountains and in particular, The Alps. The children will be developing their understanding that Europe is in the Northern Hemisphere and how this impacts the climate and tourism.

In our States of matter **Science** topic we will be planning and carrying out investigations to see how solids, liquids and gases can change state.

In **R.E** our topic this term is "What do Christians learn from the creation story?" and we will be

thinking about how people of faith believe we should care for the world.

Jigsaw is 'Being Me in My World'. **PE** is gymnastics on a Monday and invasion games on a Thursday. **Art** is painting. **Computing** is E-safety and **French** is "Je me presente".

P.E kit:

The children have PE on Mondays and Thursday this term. Children will need to wear their school PE kits into school on these days. School PE kit is a white T-shirt, trainers, black shorts or joggers and a black or school sweatshirt.

Homework:

Homework in Year 4 will be reading, spelling and times tables. Spellings will be set on a Friday and children will take home a printed copy of the homework. Spellings will not be tested but will be monitored to check they are being spelt correctly in children's books. Reading records will be checked on a Monday. Please find more details below for homework.

Reading:

Most of your child's reading in school will be through whole class reading, so **it is really important to listen to your child read at home** as often as possible, aiming for a minimum of four times a week for 10 minutes. Reading records will be checked every Monday and your child can change their book when required.

Spelling Shed

Children can practise their weekly spellings by playing games and doing the activities set on Spelling Shed. Some of the spellings on the games each week are extra challenges. The spellings which we will be testing will just be the ones on the PowerPoint which will be put on Google Classroom every Friday.



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Times Tables Rock Stars

It is important that Year 4 children learn all of their tables up to 12X12 by the end of the year. We will be focusing on different tables each week in class (some repeated). Please use Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) as often as possible, as this is a great way for the children to practise their tables at speed. The children will be set the tables that they need to practise on TTRS based on assessments and the TTRS analysis.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks,

Mrs Duncan (Monday - Wednesday)
Mrs Burch (Thursday & Friday)

Key Dates

17.09.24 – Individual Photographs
23.09.24 – PTA AGM, 9.10am School Hall
25.09.24 – Open Morning for new parents
02.10.24 – Flu Vaccinations
03.10.24 – Harvest Festival
04.10.24 – INSET Day
09.10.24 – Grandparents' Afternoon
14.10.24 – Parent Consultation Evening
17.10.24 – Parent Consultation Evening
22-24.10.24 – Prayer Spaces
25.10.24 – Geography Event Day
28.10.24 – HALF TERM
04.11.24 – Start of Term 2