

Year 4's Newsletter



Dear Parents,

I hope everyone has had a lovely summer break and are ready for a busy Year 4. I am looking forward to working with the children and I am sure that we will have an enjoyable and learning filled time.

We have lots of exciting things planned and I am positive that this will be a fantastic year with lots of learning and fun taking place.

English

In English we will be developing our sentence structure and incorporating direct and reported speech into our work; extending our knowledge of speech punctuation. We will be focussing on: vocabulary, using a Thesaurus to expand our use of effective description; expanded noun phrases; fronted adverbials; and developing punctuation skills. Handwriting and spelling will be taught across our week and spellings will be supported on the Spelling Shed website which children can continue to access at home. Our lessons will be based around a quality text which we will read as part of our guided reading session and will be linked to an area of our learning.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be: extending our knowledge of the place value of each digit in a four-digit number (thousands, hundreds, tens and ones); order and compare numbers beyond 1000; find 1000 more or less than a given number; identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations; round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000; count backwards through zero to include negative numbers.

Problem solving and reasoning will be an integral part of our maths lessons as we solve number and practical problems that involve all of the above and with increasingly large positive numbers.



Humanities

Our history topic this term is Romans. We will be looking at the history of western civilisation (focussing on the Romans) and how their empire ended and how other cultures rose to prominence, absorbing and passing on their own ideas and cultures - creating the world we know today. We will examine the life of a Roman child, gladiator and soldier. The children will explore the concepts of invasion and settlement and the impact this had/has on people. The children will generate questions about what they want to know about the Romans and Celts and our learning will explore these. The Romans is always an exciting topic!

Science

In Science we will be learning about the digestive system. We will learn to: describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans; identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions; construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

P.E

The children will be continuing with their swimming lessons on Friday mornings: ear rings are not allowed during swimming and the children will need a swimming cap. We will also have another P.E lesson on Wednesday afternoons which will be with a PE specialist. Please can you check your child has the correct PE kit in school. Details of our uniform list are available on our website.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a Friday and will be in their homework books. Homework will then be collected in on Wednesdays to be marked. The homework will be curriculum based activities that will support and enhance the children's learning.

Spelling and Times Tables

Spellings will be sent home to consolidate what the children are learning in class; these will also be on the Spelling Shed website. Please log in to Times Tables Rockstars and ensure that times tables are practiced. We will be having a short spelling and a times tables test every Friday.

Reading Books

The children will read at least once a week with either myself, Mrs Killan or Mr Bowles. It is important that you read with your children at night, even for 10 minutes, as this helps to impact on their writing and makes them more confident and fluent readers. We will have library time where the children will be able to borrow a book from the library to take home, this helps to engage the children in different types of books and develop their reading.



Water Bottles

Everyone in class should have a water bottle for them to be able to keep on their table. If your child does not have one, please ensure they bring one in as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to come in and see me if you have any questions or concerns. If I am unable to chat to you at the time, we can arrange a mutually convenient time to meet. I look forward to what will be an enjoyable and rewarding year with Year 4. 😊

Kind regards,

Mrs Calverley-Smith, Mrs Killan and Mr Bowles