

## Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year 4! We are all looking forward to a great time this term and have lots of exciting things planned.

### **English**

This term, our English lessons will predominantly link in with our class novel 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. However, after half term we will also take inspiration from our history study; the Romans.

Spelling tests and practice will continue to take place on a weekly basis as they did in Year 3. The spelling test will take place at the end of the week. Your child will receive their new words during the spelling lesson on a Friday. We would be grateful if you could encourage your child to practice their spellings at home.

### **Maths**

We will start Year 4 by consolidating the children's knowledge of place value. We will then be moving on to the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and challenging them to apply this knowledge to a variety of problems. We will encourage children to pose questions and explain their answers through developing their reasoning skills.

Times tables – We will continue to build on the children's times table knowledge through regular times table tests. Please regularly practice times tables with your child so that your child has rapid recall of the facts up to 12 x 12 in preparation for the **National Key Stage 2 times table check** to be introduced by the government in the Summer term.

### **Explore Dream Discover Curriculum**

Over the first half term our curriculum work will focus on geography. We will be looking at Mountains and Volcanoes and exploring questions such as... 'Why do volcanoes happen?' 'Which countries have the most volcanoes?' 'How hot is a volcano?' 'Where do we find mountains?' and 'How big is the biggest mountain?' as well as many others that arise through the course of our learning.

During the second half term our history work will focus on the Romans. We will lead into this by exploring Pompeii. We are very excited about our Roman topic and have lots of ideas including a Roman Day (letter to follow).

### **Reading**

Reading remains an important part of our school life. We are hopeful that all our children will continue to enjoy reading at home and sharing their books with you.

We will track reading in school in a number of ways:-

- We will scan your children's reading books out to them via our on-line library system. We will scan these back in when they return them.
- Each time your child chooses their home reading book, they will record this on their reading record sheet at school. When they quiz on Accelerated Reader they will record their quiz score and then return their book.
- We will also monitor Accelerated Reader for number of quizzes taken, how well the children are performing in their quizzes, and how often they are changing their books.

## **P.E.**

PE in Year 4 will be on a Monday. Children are now required to wear their full P.E. kit for the entire day and can arrive in it in school. We will also complete the 'Willows Mile' and other physical activities on a daily basis.

Please ensure that children have full PE kit including trainers / pumps and also a royal blue hoody and navy blue tracksuit trousers as we will be outside when possible.

## **Homework**

Children will receive weekly "Brain Builders" homework as they did when they were in Year 3. This will be issued on a Wednesday on Seesaw and needs to be returned / submitted by the following Monday. These will either be activities linked to what the children have done in English that week, or they will have a times table focus for maths, so they should be able to complete them independently.

## **Diary Dates**

### **Showcase performance Days**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2:30pm – 4PB (please wear yellow clothes/tops and bottoms and shoes/ trainers that are suitable to dance in)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2:30pm – 4BB (please wear bright clothes / tops and bottoms and shoes/ trainers that are suitable to dance in)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2:30pm — 4AJ (please wear bright clothes / tops and bottoms and shoes / trainers that are suitable to dance in)

### **Year group Overnight Residential**

A letter will follow with information about our overnight residential in January at Stanley Head.

## **Dojo**

As you are aware, as a school we are moving towards using Dojo as a communication app. Class information, newsletters and communications will be posted here so please ensure you have connected.

If you have not connected yet, please speak to your class teacher for help and advice.

## **Current Start and end of the day times**

4PB: 8.45 a.m. – 3:05 p.m. KS2 playground door

4BB: 8.45 a.m. - 3:05 p.m. KS2 playground door

4AJ: 8.45 a.m. - 3:05 p.m. Woodland door

We are always happy to chat to parents; the best time to talk to us is at the end of the day as we are very busy first thing in the morning. If you do need to contact us before school please telephone the school office. You can also contact us via Dojo with less urgent issues and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

We all look forward to a happy and successful year together.

Year 4 Team