

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. The spelling test will take place on a Friday. 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. They will be on Dojo.

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 interesting activities planned for the children.

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.
- If you would like your child to quiz at home, please follow the link below.

<https://ukhosted57.renlearn.co.uk/2209120/>

P.E.

PE in Year 4 will be on a Thursday. Children are 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

Homework will be given out on a weekly basis – it will be sent via **Dojo** (Seesaw is no longer in use) on a Wednesday to be completed by the following Monday. Homework this academic year has changed slightly.

Each week we will be asking the children to:

Practise their spellings ready for their end of week tests

Practise their timestables in a book which will be sent home each week

Read 5 times per week. Teachers will be monitoring how often children are quizzing and how successful they are being, as well as keeping a record of books being read and returned.

Diary Dates

Year group Overnight Residential

Overnight residential January at Stanley Head.

Monday 23rd – 4WB

Thursday 26th – 4KB & 4TC

Dojo

Information, newsletters and communications including notifications of our Stars of the Week 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

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

4KB: 8.45 a.m. - 3:05 p.m. YR6 mobiles

4TC: 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