



September 2024

Year 4 Autumn Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a wonderful Summer and are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead. The children have settled well to the first few days of the school year and it has been lovely to have them all back.

English

This term, the children will read "How to Train Your Dragon" by Cressida Cowell. In the second half term they will read "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" by C S Lewis. They will respond to these texts by writing a variety of extended pieces, including writing letters, diaries and narratives. The children will also practice their reading comprehension skills daily.

PE

This term, the children will have their weekly PE sessions with Billy on Mondays and Fridays. They will also have dance lessons with Emanuela on Thursdays. Please ensure that children wear the school PE kit on each of these days. Children will be expected to be wearing sensible footwear for sports.

Homework and Reading

In Year 4 the children will receive 2 pieces of homework on Friday each week on Google Classroom, one English and one Maths. This may include a Reading Journal, a spelling, punctuation or grammar task or maths from the IXL website. We expect this to be completed by the following Friday. Please let us know if you do not have access to a computer device at home as the school may be able to provide one.

Please continue to encourage your child to read daily. As well as any homework tasks given for reading, your child should use their Reading Journal to write about the books they read. They will be given examples of the things to record in the journals and teachers will make comments back to ensure communication about reading is happening. Please encourage your child to remember to bring in their reading book and journal each day.

Maths

We will begin by focussing on the place value of numbers by partitioning, representing and comparing numbers up to 10,000. The children will extend their knowledge by adding and subtracting up to 4 digit numbers. This will be followed by a short unit on area and shape. Finally, the children will learn efficient multiplication strategies for their 1 to 12 times tables.

Science

In Science, the children will be exploring Electricity. They will learn about electrical appliances, build circuits (with and without switches) and identify electrical conductors and insulators using everyday materials.



History and Geography

Our first topic of the term is 'Beyond the City'. This is a geography topic where the children will learn about mountain ranges and land uses in the UK and will get the chance to visit an English village to explore and record its geographical features. Our second topic is 'Raiders and Invaders' where we will be transported back in time to learn about the Anglo Saxons, the Vikings and life of Alfred the Great.

Art and DT

In Art, we will be looking at the artist David Hockney. We will be painting landscapes and looking at landscape art. We will create collages of the local area and other areas of London. We also have a photography workshop involving looking at how the local area has changed.

In DT, we will be making a torch using some of our science knowledge of circuits. We will also use textiles to create a bookmark.

R.E.

In R.E. this term, our focus religions will be Hinduism and Judaism. We will be building on our knowledge from previous units covered.

Class Trips

Please look out for trip letters as our first trip is quite soon. We are visiting Downe Village in Kent on **Thursday 19th September** to support our Geography work. This will involve comparing this rural location with London.

Snacks and Water

We are a healthy eating school, so all children will receive a portion of fruit as their morning snack each day.

Please make sure that your child brings a water bottle in to school, to ensure that they are hydrated and alert.

Contacting us

If you need to contact us regarding your child's education or wellbeing, please email your child's class teacher.

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Many thanks,

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