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Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 2

Welcome

As we move into Autumn 2, we would like to take a moment to say how proud we are of the fantastic start the children have made to Year 4. This half term promises to be another exciting one, packed with engaging learning opportunities across the curriculum.

Reading



We will explore a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts in our reading lessons. Each week we will look at an extract from a different text and explore this in detail, looking at vocabulary, inference, retrieval and more.

The children will be given daily opportunities to engage in reading for pleasure.

Writing



This term in writing the children we will look at the text How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell. Children will write their own adventure narrative inspired by the story, as well as create an informative travel leaflet based on a visit to the Isle of Berk. Throughout these units, we will focus on developing accurate sentence construction and using conjunctions to extend and improve ideas. Children will also learn how to organise their writing effectively by using time adverbials to sequence events and incorporating clear headings and subheadings when presenting information.

Maths



We will be continuing to look at addition and subtraction in maths and practising using the column method. We will then look at multiplication and division and calculating area. The multiplication and division unit will support their preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check that pupils will sit in June. Towards the end of the term, we will then be moving on to studying area.

Science



Our science topic this term, will be electricity. Children will be asked to build

circuits, to identify and draw simplified electrical symbols and to discuss effective conductors and insulators. We will look at real scenarios to inform children about electrical safety. Children will use tables to record findings and be able to group electrical appliances based on their power supply.

Computing



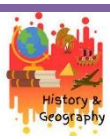
In Computing, children will be using Purple Mash to explore animation and storytelling. They will learn how animations are created by combining a sequence of images and will use a range of tools to design and produce their own animated narratives. As their skills develop, children will plan characters, settings and storylines before creating engaging animations that bring their ideas to life.



DT

In Design Technology, we will be looking at structures and frameworks. Students will develop skills to be able to create a model Pavilion.

Geography



During Geography this term, we are looking at where our food comes from. We will explore the impact of our food choices on the environment, the importance of trading responsibly, the journey of a cocoa bean, and whether it is better to buy local or imported food.

PE



PE will continue to be on a Wednesday and a Thursday this term. Wednesday's lessons will be based on football and Thursday's lesson will be based on dodgeball.

PSHE

In PSHE will be exploring the theme of **Valuing Differences**. Through discussions and activities, children will learn about the importance of communities, celebrating what makes each person unique, and recognising the positive contributions people make to society. We will also explore stereotypes and discrimination, helping children to understand why it is important to treat everyone with respect, fairness and kindness.

RE

In RE we will be continuing to focus on Christianity exploring ideas and values that help to create a happier community.

Spanish

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In Spanish we will be focusing on the unit 'Mi Familia (my family). Children will learn how to say different family members names and discuss who is in their family in Spanish. They will cover this through speaking and listening exercises as well as reading and writing tasks.

Home Learning



- The children will be given a weekly homework sheet that revisits key skills learnt across the week. This will be given out on Fridays and will need to be returned the following Friday.
- Children should be reading at least four times a week at home. Please record this in their reading diaries.
- Spellings should be practiced weekly and can be found via Class Dojo and the children are also given paper copies. Additionally, they can also practice on Spellingframe. They will have a spelling test on Monday mornings.
- Times tables should be practised as regularly as possible to build fluency. This can be done on timestables.co.uk. The children are tested every Friday.

All required log ins are in the front of your child's reading diaries. Please speak to the class teacher if you need replacement copies.







Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for showing the school values: Respect Responsibility and Resilience.

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Class information

Creative Carnations

Class Teacher: Mrs Yeomans

Supported by: Miss Coates and Mrs Brain

Delightful Daffodils

Class Teacher: Miss Tucker

Supported by: Miss Hildreth

You can contact your child's class teacher through Class Dojo messages.

Dates for the diary



Autumn 2

Monday 2nd November - School reopens for pupils

Tuesday 3rd November – 2027 Reception Intake Tour - 4pm

Thursday 5th November - Book & Biscuit session - 2.40pm - KS1

W/B Monday 9th November – Y2 PiXL Week

W/B Monday 9th November – Y6 PiXL Week

Wednesday 11th November - Remembrance Day

Friday 13th November - Children in Need Day (Mufti-Day)

W/B Monday 16th November - Anti-Bullying Week

W/B Monday 16th November – Road Safety Week

Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day

W/B Monday 23rd November – UK Parliament Week

Wednesday 2nd December - Wednesday 9th December - Book Fair

Thursday 3rd December – Pupil Leadership Team visit to Houses of Parliament

Monday 7th December - KS1 Christmas Performance - 2pm

Tuesday 8th December –– Choir and Instrumental Recitals (Gillian Farmer) 9.15am &
Y4 Ukelele Concert – 2.30pm

Wednesday 9th December – KS1 Christmas Performance – 9.15am

Wednesday 9th December – Reception Christmas Performance – 2pm

Thursday 10th December – Reception Christmas Performance – 9.15am

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Thursday 10th December – Christmas Dinner Day/ Christmas Jumper

Thursday 10th December – Christmas Fayre / Father Christmas - 3.15pm

Friday 11th December – Nursery Christmas Sing-Along – 9:15am and party day (am & pm)

Monday 14th December – Rock Steady Concert – 2pm

Tuesday 15th December LKS2 (Y3&4) Christmas Concert – 2pm

Wednesday 16th December – UKS2 (Y5&6) Christmas Concert - 2pm

Friday 18th December – House Assembly

Friday 18th December - School closes to pupils for Christmas

