

Year 4 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new school year! We are so excited to have your children in Year 4 and look forward to a fun, busy and enriching term ahead. The children have already settled back brilliantly, and we are excited to share with you what we will be covering this half term.

As always, we value working in partnership with you to ensure that every child achieves their God-given potential. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

– Miss Homer, Miss Cotton, Mrs Vernon and Mrs Jones

ENGLISH

This half term, we will begin with the Grammarsaurus unit: Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar. This unit will give children a strong foundation in sentence structure and accuracy, focusing on key skills such as punctuation, grammar, and vocabulary choices. We will be encouraging children to apply these skills across all areas of their writing to ensure clarity and precision.

Following this, we will move into our exciting themed unit, Wonka World, inspired by Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Children will explore Roald Dahl's imaginative setting and use this as a stimulus for their own descriptive writing. They will learn how to use powerful adjectives, similes and figurative language to bring settings to life for the reader.

We will continue to place emphasis on neat presentation, handwriting and accurate spelling.

Guided Reading

Children will be following the Grammarsaurus reading scheme. They will follow a two week cycle of learning with one text. In week one they become fluent with the text through choral reading, echo reading and fluency grids. In week two they work through related comprehensions.

MATHS

This half term, children will follow the Oak National Academy units 1-5, covering number and place value, addition, subtraction, and problem-solving. Regular arithmetic practice will support fluency and confidence.

Multiplication

Around May/June (date to be confirmed), children will be sitting a National Multiplication Test, which will test children on their multiplication knowledge up to 12x tables. They only have 6 seconds per question and will have 25 questions to answer. As a result of this, this year there will be a massive push on children learning their times tables, where they will be quick and fluent. Children will practice their times tables every day and will be encouraged to use Times table Rockstars at home.

RE

This half term, we will begin with Unit A: Creation, followed by Unit B: Jesus Teaches Us How to Pray. Children will explore the beauty of God's creation and deepen their understanding of prayer through Jesus' teaching.

Our virtues for this term are Eloquent and Truthful. We will also celebrate special feast days including Laudato Si Day, the Feast of St John Paul II, and October: The Rosary.

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THEMATIC

Our focus question is: How does the UK compare to Greece?

Children will:

- Compare their local region with Campania and the South Aegean.
- Identify continents, European countries, and capital cities using maps and atlases.
- Explore physical features, settlements, earthquakes and volcanoes.
- Develop map skills and use geographical vocabulary confidently.

ART and D+T

This term's theme is Monochromatic Art and Perspective. Children will learn:

- How artists use line, shape, form and value.
- Techniques such as hatching, cross-hatching and stippling.
- How to create one-point perspective with a vanishing point and horizon line.

Computing

During this half term, we will continue to look at E-Safety and understanding the importance of staying safe online. We will be exploring why some games have an age restriction and using the SMART steps to stay safe online.

As well as this, we will be complete two units:

- Effective Searching (developing research skills).
- Making Music (creating digital compositions).

Spanish

This half term, children will be beginning Spanish. Children will be introduced to greetings, numbers, colours and different responses to, "How are you?"

SCIENCE

Our topic is Sound. Children will:

- Explore how sound is caused by vibrations.
- Investigate how sound travels and how distance affects what we hear.
- Test how materials can insulate against

PE

This half term, children will take part in:

- Volleyball
- Tag Rugby

Please ensure that PE kits are worn on Mondays and Thursdays

All children will be expected to wear a red t-shirt, black shorts and pumps.

Music

This year, children will continue to have weekly guitar lessons (Tuesday afternoon). They will learn to apply different notations to new songs that have different styles, in preparation for our Summer concert.

Guitars are provided by school and remain in school.

Home

Homework is sent out every Friday. Please make sure that this returned by the following Wednesday each week.

Reading

Due to the increased expectations as they start Year 4, children will be expected to read every night (Monday to Friday). This will be checked in the morning by an adult. Parents need to sign your child's reading diary, by writing the date, pages that they have read and a signature. Comments are needed for when they are due to change their books, so we can understand how they are getting on at home.

Times tables

By the end of Year 4 (in preparation for their multiplication test), all children will need to recall all of their times tables up to 12 with speed and accuracy. As a result of this, children will be encouraged to play Times table Rockstars twice a week.

Uniform

All children must have a school shirt and tie and must be wearing the correct school shoes.

If there is anything you are unsure about, please do not hesitate to have a chat with us at 3.35pm.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another great year ahead!

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