

Year 4 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another school year and what will undoubtedly be another busy year ahead.

Year 4 have settled in brilliantly and worked so hard over the past few weeks. We are excited to see what the future holds moving forward into the Year 4 curriculum.

We look forward to continue to work alongside you this term to ensure that your child achieves their God-given potential. If you have any questions throughout the year, please do not hesitate to ask.

Miss Homer, Miss Harris-Benjamin, Mrs Grainger and Miss Yearwood.

ENGLISH

For this half term, children will be reading the book: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl, which will support them in their Guided Reading and English lessons.

English

For this half term, teachers will expect children to continue to strive for excellent handwriting and spelling, with the aim to continue to have outstanding presentation in books. There will be plenty of writing opportunities through having a Roald Dahl Day, where we will begin to focus on the film: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, as well as reading our class text.

This half term, we will be focusing on different styles of writing including: different types of poetry, newspaper reports, diary entries and recounts. Additionally, children will be using grammar lessons to learn about inverted commas for direct speech, prepositions and apostrophes for contraction and possession, so that they can be embedded into their writing.

Guided Reading

Children will be using *Grammarsaurus* texts in lessons, which is where they will have roles eg: vocabulary, inference, prediction or questioner whilst reading the chapter. This is so they can really understand the text and begin to support them in answering comprehension questions.

MATHS

During Autumn term, children will be focusing their learning on place value where children will learn to partition numbers to 1,000, order numbers to 1,000 on a number line alongside problem solving involving applying reasoning. Also during this term, children will also focus on and addition and subtraction using practical resources to consolidate their calculations. Children will therefore embed their place value knowledge to complete addition and subtraction calculations in Autumn term.

Multiplication Around May/June 2025 (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 need to be quick and fluent. Children will practice their times tables every Maths lesson and will be encouraged to use Times table Rockstars at

RE

For this half term, our unit is called Unit A: Creation. In this unit, children will explore the stories where they will understand that for Christians, the Bible is God's word and contains his law, which is a guide to salvation and eternal life. Christianity teaches that God created the world, giving humans a special place and purpose in it.

Additionally, children will be spending time completing collective worships and attending Mass (most Wednesday's) at Church. Parents are always welcome to celebrate school Mass with us.

Our virtues for this half term are Curious and Active.



THEMATIC

During Autumn, we will be focusing on Geography as our topic is called, "What is it like in Greece?" We will be defining the terms physical and human geography, as we locate different European countries using an atlas and Google Earth with the United Kingdom. Additionally, children will understand different types of settlements.

During our final weeks of the term, children will have a good understanding and be confident to compare the physical and human features between Greece and the United Kingdom.

ART and D+T

This half term, we will be focusing on art as we begin to study how artists create perspective, how they use line, shape, and value to create a sense of form, and about different shading techniques.

We will be using our sketch books to begin to use linear perspective in drawing with inspiration from renowned artist Patrick Hughes. They will also evaluate their art work.

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 exploring what physical controlling systems are and how they are used in computing across the world.

Spanish

This half term, children will be beginning Spanish lessons where children will be immersed into the language spoken by millions of people around the world. Children will be introduced to greetings, numbers, colours and different responses to, "How are you?"

SCIENCE

During the first half of this term, Year 4 will be learning about Sound. They will begin to examine how sounds are made, understand what sound vibrations are, know how sounds travels and identify the best material for absorbing sound.

PE

For taught lessons in spring, children will be doing fitness (personal challenge) and dance. Children will also begin to understand the importance of health and fitness within these lessons.

Please ensure that PE kits are in school at all times and that swimming kits are ready for Thursday.

Spring 1 Timetable

Mary 4 - Wednesday (Tag Rugby/ Friday (Netball)

John 4 - Wednesday Tag Rugby/ Friday (Netball)

Kit

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 are now beginning to apply different notations to new songs that have different styles, in preparation for our Summer concert.

Children will bring the guitars home to practice and will have to take care of them.

Home

Homework is sent out every Friday. Please ensure that this is returned by the following Monday each week. For longer, project based homework, we often give two weeks to complete the work.

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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