



Be the BEST You Can Be

Class 4 Newsletter

Term 1 2024

Whatever you do, do with all your heart. Colossians 3:23

WELCOME TO YEAR FOUR!

This is our first Class 4 newsletter of the year and so I would like to wish all our children, parents, and carers a very warm welcome back after a fun filled summer holidays. Class 4 will be taught by Mrs Dobson, with Mrs Gallimore covering on a Monday. This year will be a very exciting one for the children with all the different learning opportunities in their topics. I am very excited to start this next year with you and cannot wait to get to know you all!

It is important your children are happy and comfortable in school so if you have any concerns or worries, please do not hesitate to arrange a time to talk or send me a message on class dojo.

I look forward to the adventures of this new beginning for the children.

Mrs Dobson 😊

What we are learning

Our topic this term is **World War II**. In History we will be learning about why Britain went to war and what it was like for people that lived during WW2. This will include gaining an understanding of other historical events such as the Battle of Britain and the Blitz.

In English, we will be writing newspaper reports to inform and exploring 'The Lion and the Unicorn' to create a diary entry, focusing on character and setting description.

In Maths we will be following White Rose and will be looking at place value of numbers and developing this to understand the value thousands and tens of thousands. Later, developing our skills and understanding in addition and subtraction.

Sound is our science unit for this term and we will be learning all about how sounds are made. As part of this we will be exploring how sound travels, how it is made through vibrations and investigating which materials insulate against sound best.

In RE we will be looking at the question, 'Is it possible for everyone to be happy?'. We will be delving into the Buddha's teachings. Our school value is friendship, and we will be discussing this in class and especially during our class worship.

In DT, we will be learning all about '**Mechanical Systems-Pneumatics**', we will be comparing different materials, planning our very own design and then making our own moving monster.

In PSHE we will be learning about 'Being Me in My World'. We will be following the Jigsaw scheme of learning and looking into teamwork, citizenship and rights and responsibilities.

In PE, we will be swimming every Wednesday.

In Computing we will be looking at coding and many other aspects of ICT.

In French, we will be learning about 'Presenting myself', this includes the area in which they live and talking about themselves in basic French.

In Music, we will be focusing on 'Mumma Mia', we will be learning and singing the song and using a range of different instruments.

Reading and Times Tables

In Year 4 there is an expectation that children are reading 5 times a week. In order to keep track of this, reading records will be looked at in school every week. Therefore, please ensure that reading records are signed and brought into school on a daily basis. This is important as we have a reading reward system where children are recognised for their efforts in reading at home and we would love for every child in the class to be able to reap the rewards.

Listening to children read is generally carried out through Guided Reading sessions. However, we will endeavour to make sure that children are listened to individually as often as possible and as appropriate to each child's needs.

Children are expected to practise their times tables each week by using times Tables Rockstar's. This is to support them in their maths learning and multiplication tables check that will happen later on in Year 4.

Useful Information

PE: Our regular PE day will be on a Wednesday and Friday. Children will need to wear their PE kit into school on these days to save changing. The PE kit should include a school burgundy t-shirt, black shorts/leggings, and daps for outdoor activities. Also, hair being tied up every day, as well as on PE days. Please bring in swimming kit on a Wednesday.

Homework: Children will have homework every week which can be found in their homework books. Please ensure that your child completes their homework in order to consolidate and support their learning. Children will also have spellings and times tables to learn which they will be tested on. Homework will be sent home on a Friday, with the expectation that it is completed and returned to school the following Friday.

Spellings:

Children will be given their spellings on a Friday morning for them to practise throughout the week to enable them to complete their spelling test on the Friday that week.

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I hope you have all had a lovely summer and are feeling fresh and ready for the new term. I am looking forward to beginning this journey with the children.

If you have any questions or worries, please don't hesitate to contact me on ClassDojo or via email.

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