

Year 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a brand new school year. We hope you have had a lovely holiday. We are looking forward to a fun and productive year in Year 4 and have an exciting curriculum planned for your child. This newsletter will keep you informed on what will be happening over the course of this half term.

R.E

In RE we will be looking at the Christian creation story in more depth. We will discuss the messages within it and how these can fit into our daily lives. We will also explore the ten commandments in more detail.



English

Following NASA's recent space launch to the sun's atmosphere we will begin exploring space travel, the role of an astronaut and famous space missions as we study a non-fiction text called 'Huge First Step'. We will then move onto fiction texts where we will read Christopher's story by Nicki Cornwell. This is a heartfelt novel describing the challenges a child faces when moving to a new country and consequently a new school. We will be looking at the author's use of language to stretch our comprehension skills.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be looking at number problems. This will include practising our number bonds to multiples of 100. We then, will move onto formal written methods of multiplication, focusing on the grid method before moving onto written methods of addition and subtraction. Next half term, we are learning about decimals and fractions.

Over the course of Year 4 it is vital that children learn their times tables up to 12×12 to support their maths learning, therefore we will begin our year with a focus on times tables.

PE

We will be having PE on a Monday and Thursday

Please make sure that your child's PE Kit is in school at all times and has their name in all pieces of kit. Children will be outside when the weather is suitable therefore a warm PE top will be required,

Please note that children will be expected to remove or cover earrings for PE.



Topic

Our cross curricula theme for this half term will be Blue Abyss where we will learn about the animals that live in the world's oceans. We shall explore food chains, learn more about famous voyages whilst also studying a range of art.

During the second part of the Autumn term we will study Burps, Bottoms and Bile. This topic has a science focus studying the digestive system. We will be discovering how our digestive system works and how to look after it.

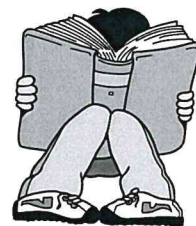
Homework

Children's reading books can be changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We will check reading records on these days and will require a signature in their reading record from a parent or guardian to show that they are reading at home.

Homework will begin shortly. It will go out on a Friday and should be back in school by Thursday.

Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested in school on the following Friday.

We would also like children to continue to work on learning their times tables at home. Your child will receive an individual log on for times tables rocks stars so they can play times table games at home. Your support with homework is invaluable.



If you have any problems or concerns and wish to speak to us, we are available at the beginning and the end of the school day. We will not, however, be available after school on a Monday as it is our staff meeting. You are also welcome to make an appointment at the office to see us for more significant issues.

Class Teacher: Miss Winchurch (Monday and Tuesday) Mrs MacInnes (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)
LSP: Mrs Rollason