



Autumn Term 2021 – Year 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. It is so wonderful to see the children back in school. The children have had a good start to Year 4, and we are so proud of them for settling well into their new classes, learning the rules and routines of Key Stage 2 and engaging in learning with enthusiasm. Across the year, we have planned many exciting experiences with cross-curricular links and opportunities which we are looking forward to sharing with both the children and yourselves. Below gives you an overview of the different subjects across the curriculum.

English

We will be learning to write biographies, persuasive adverts, newspaper articles and instructions. We will continue developing our spelling and grammar reading skills. Children will begin to take home reading books to encourage reading for pleasure. You will be able to add comments into their Reading Record booklets to share with us your reading experiences with your children. We encourage children to read daily in school and at home as it truly enriches their vocabulary, imagination and knowledge.

Maths

The focus in Maths this term is number, place value and consolidating and improving our skills on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication & division) whilst developing our reasoning and problem solving skills. We will also study fractions, decimals, ratios and proportions. Please support your children in practising their times tables regularly on MathsShed and Rockstars Times Tables. This will build up their confidence and skills before completing the Multiplication Times Tables Check in Summer 2 term.

Science

In Autumn 1, children will be studying about living things and their habitats. In Autumn 2, they will learn about animals including humans.

Geography/History/RE

Our topic for this term in Geography is our class country, where we will be learning about the culture, do some map work and compare to other countries. In Autumn 2 in History, children will be learning about Romans. In RE, children will be learning about about Buddhism and explore Buddhist values.

Computing

Our topic is 'collaborative learning' in Autumn 1 focusing on developing their digital literacy and online safety knowledge. In Autumn 2, we will be studying 'We are programmers - Scratch' in Autumn 2 that builds their computational thinking skills.

Modern Foreign Languages - Spanish

For the duration of this year, we will be learning Spanish with Mrs. Steadman. This term we will be focusing on vocabulary linked to families and weather.

Physical Education (PE)

We will be working on dance and invasion games. PE lessons will be:

- **on Mondays in 4 Germany**
- **on Thursdays in 4 Russia**
- **on Fridays in 4 Norway**

Children should wear the correct PE uniform to school on their PE days- navy blue or black joggers, white t-shirt and full black trainers or plimsolls.

PSHE

We will be looking at the Raynham values and our class rules as well as about family relationships, and health and well-being.

Music

During the Autumn term, children will explore music through body and tuned percussion as well as adapting and transposing motifs.

Art & DT

In Art, children will be developing their sketching and painting skills in painting still life and Roman mosaics whilst in D&T they will explore about healthy and varied diet.

Homework

Homework will be given out every Friday (alternating bi-weekly online and paper), and children should return the completed homework by the following Wednesday. In addition, weekly homework will also include spellings on Spelling Shed, 4 operations practice on Maths Shed and multiplications practice on Rockstars Times Tables. Children will also begin taking Reading Books home alongside their Reading Record booklet, encouraging them to read for pleasure and sharing their experiences.

Important Information

Soft start begins at **8:40 a.m.** and **finishes at 3.10 p.m.** All the children should be in the classroom for **8.50 a.m. lesson start.** Please arrive promptly so that your child does not miss any of the school days.

Supporting your child with their times tables, the related division facts, number bonds and 4 operations will continue to assist them in making progress in their maths lessons.

Children should be reading at home for at least 15-20 minutes each day. Please encourage them to do this regularly.

Research has shown that children perform better if they have had sufficient sleep each night. Please encourage your child to be in bed by 8.00 pm.

Sustainable Travel to School - Scooter Pods and Bike Shelters

Whenever possible, we encourage children to walk to school. If they also use other sustainable means of travel such as a scooter or a bike, we have scooter pods and bike shelters available for the children to lock them away safely.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our children to achieve their full potential.

Ms Campbell
4 Norway

Ms Lee
4 Russia

Mrs Nafi
4 Germany