

Year 4

Autumn 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've had a restful break. This half term will be exciting as always!

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure children bring a jumper/cardigan and coat to school with their name in it. Children must also bring their own water bottle to school. This can stay in class for the week and brought home on Friday if they wish.

English

This half term, children will start by writing a newspaper report about some exciting events from our class book, Harry Potter. Children will develop a journalistic voice by interviewing witnesses and writing their report on a troll escaping the dungeon.

We will then learn how to write a poem based on the 'Jabberwocky.' They will be able to make their own creature and be incredibly creative with their writing.

Maths

Children will build on multiplication and division from Year 3. This unit will begin with children learning new times tables, including x7, x9, x11 and x12. We will use this to multiply and divide by 2 and 3 digits using formal multiplication and division methods.

We will continue to practise times tables at school daily and we ask that children practise at home as often as possible using Times Tables Rockstars.

Science

Our unit this half term is *Electricity*. Children will learn how to construct electrical circuits using wires, cells, bulbs, switches and buzzers. We will look at which materials are common conductors and insulators and associate metals with being good conductors. Children will also have the opportunity program a micro:bit using code.

DT

Children will design and build their own light product in DT this half term. We will use our knowledge of electricity from science to construct a series of light circuits using a range of switches. Children will then use a design criteria and range of materials to build their own lights.

Class Teacher

Mr Davies

Year 4 Staff

Mrs Patterson, Ms Selby,
Mrs Tordoff, Mrs Long

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Monday

**Children come to school in a PE kit*

Swimming

Wednesday

Library

Wednesday

Spellings

Spellings will be given on a Friday, to be learned for a test on the following Friday.

Homework

Reading x4 per week

Times Tables Rockstars x2 per week

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 11th November

Pantomime within school

Tuesday 25th November

Cinema Trip to Kirkstall Vue (TBC)

Tuesday 25th November

Autumn Fayre

Thursday 11th December

KS2 Show Performance

Friday 19th December

Last day of term

Monday 5th January

Training Day – school closed

Tuesday 6th January

Back to school

PE

Monday – PE

Wednesday – Y4 Swimming

Children must bring their PE kit to school in a bag to get changed into. All clothing must be clearly labelled with the child's full name. Please ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit as listed below:

- plain white t-shirt
- black/blue shorts or leggings
- suitable footwear (trainers or outdoor pumps)

Year 4 children must also bring a swimming kit on Wednesdays. All children will need to bring a swimming kit containing:

- swimming costume (one piece swimming costume for girls) or swimming trunks /swimming shorts
- towel
- hairbrush/comb - optional
- goggles – optional
- bobble to tie hair back

Reading

We ask that children read their school reading book or another text that sparks their interest, at least four times each week. For children who are avid readers, we also have a wide range of exciting books in the classroom book corner that children can take home to read.

Children can read either with an adult or independently and must get their home reading record signed by an adult each time they have read. Children should bring their reading book and reading record to school each day and put their book into the basket.

Homework

Children receive a new **spelling bookmark** each half term with a personalised spelling list of up to 6 words. This includes spellings which your child often misspells or Y3/4 words which need further practise. We recommend that children learn 1 new word each week. Please encourage your child to practise these spellings weekly as well as the weekly spelling homework list.

Children will be given spellings on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Please encourage your child to learn and practise their **spellings** each week. Please note that children do not have to hand in their spelling homework sheet, although it is encouraged.

Homework will be set online via **Times Tables Rockstars**, which is a fun and interactive way for children to develop division and multiplication facts. Children are expected to practise their times tables online at least twice each week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

Best wishes,

Mr Davies
