



# Year 4 Newsletter

## Autumn Term 1



### Welcome to Year 4!

Welcome back to Whingate and into Year 4! This year the class teachers in Year 4 are Mr Rhodes and Miss Murray. Our teaching assistants are Mrs Warner, Miss Hardaker, Miss Zabawa and Mrs Cunningham on a Thursday and Friday. On a Thursday afternoon, 4R will be taught by Mrs Barker who has joined Whingate this year. 4M will then be taught by Mrs Barker all day on Fridays. Each day, Mrs Woods will be at the door in a morning if you have any questions, and the class teacher will be at the door at the end of the day.

### P.E and Kits

This term, we will be doing P.E every Thursday. Outdoor kit should include a white t-shirt, black or navy blue shorts (tracksuit bottoms are likely to be better on colder days), a tracksuit top for colder sessions and trainers. We will be starting P.E sessions straight away in the first week.

Our second P.E session will be swimming, which takes place every Wednesday afternoon except the first week of term. A separate letter will go out this week to explain the details of swimming and staff at the door will be happy to answer any questions.

Children must remove jewellery before any P.E session. If children have recently had their ears pierced, please write a note to let the class teacher know. We recommend having a water bottle in school for outdoor P.E sessions.

### Homework and Home Reading

Spelling homework is given out on a Friday and will include spellings that the children have been learning in class. Spelling homework will now be set in a spelling journal on a weekly basis. The activities to complete for each week will be inside the journal.

Maths homework is also given out on a Friday and is due back on a Wednesday. Maths homework will sometimes be a problem solving activity, or will focus on times tables which is a key area of learning this year. *The first set of homework will go out at the end of week 2.*

Your child will bring their bookbag home once a week with one or two new reading books inside. Please sign to say you have listened to your child read and send back to school by their given day. The day we expect to say your book returned for will be shown on the outside of your child's reading record. Books will begin to go out on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

### Our Topics

In the first half-term our lead topic will be Henry VIII and the Tudors, which will be taught through our History and Art sessions. Our Science unit will focus on states of matter, and the difference between solids, liquids and gases. Our Literacy will focus on non-fiction to begin with and we will learn about Queen Elizabeth II as well as other historical Kings and Queens of the UK. In Maths we will be learning about place value and methods for addition and subtraction. We will also be learning about Peter and the Wolf in Music and internet safety in Computing.

As times tables are such an important part of the Year 4 curriculum, they will be a focus throughout the entire year. By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all of their tables up to the 12 times table.