



YEAR 4

Term 2

We hope you had a restful half term and we're excited to welcome the children back into Year 4 for Term 2.

Literacy

In Talk for Writing lessons, the children will be learning to plan and write an interesting recount text in the form of a magazine article. The children will learn to imitate the text then through discussion and innovation of this, the children will gain the confidence and tools they need to write their own independent piece.

In Talk for Reading, our focus text will be 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear' by Kieran Larwood. This a fantastic text which we will be using to explore how atmosphere is created through settings in a story.

Maths

Children will continue to be taught the Maths No Problem scheme and will be learning multiplication and division and will then use these strategies to apply to formal written methods of multiplication and division. We place a strong emphasis on secure knowledge of number facts, and ask that you encourage your child to use TT Rockstars and Numbots as often as possible.

PE

The children will have outdoor PE on a Wednesday and they will need suitable clothing as the weather gets colder. We will be continuing our learning on invasion games. On Fridays, the children will continue to be taught dance by Mrs Savage.

Other curriculum areas:

Science - Food Chains

Computing - Audio Productions (Podcasts)

Art - Symbolism. The children will produce their own artwork using polyblock printing and digital media.

Geography - Maps and mapping skills with a focus on Europe.

RE - The children will continue their learning about Spirituality considering the question 'Are all homes spiritual places?'. These lessons will be taught by Mrs Warrener.

Music - Musical composition taught by Mrs Huesekn.



Homework

Children will continue to receive Numeracy and Literacy homework. Both sets of homework will be sent out on a Monday with the expectation it will be handed in by Thursday for marking. We really appreciate your support in ensuring the children complete their homework at home. It also greatly benefits the children if they read for at least 15 minutes per night and practise their times tables and number facts as regularly as possible. If you encounter any issues with homework, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Water bottles and snacks

Please send your child with a water bottle each day so that they can have a drink in the classroom (water only please.) This will be particularly helpful after break as it will improve the transition between break and lesson time which will enhance their learning. If your child has lost their Alvey bottle, a new one can be purchased from the school office for £1 or an alternative clear bottle may be used.

The children are welcome to bring a snack to enjoy at playtime but please make sure it is a healthy one. The children could have fruit, vegetables, cheese, yoghurt or low sugar cereal bars to name a few but the children will not be permitted to eat crisps or chocolate-based snacks at playtime.

And finally... we want your children to enjoy learning in Year 4 and plan our curriculum to make the most of fun, hands on activities. Our lessons begin at 8.50am so please ensure your child is here on time. We look forward to working with you over the year, and always welcome you to contact us about your child's learning or well-being. All we would ask is that, if it is possible, such discussions take place at the end of the school day or via email.

UPCOMING DATES THIS TERM:

- Tuesday 11th Nov - Remembrance Day.
- Friday 14th Nov - Children In Need. Non-School Uniform.
- Monday 24th Nov - Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 26th Nov - Parents' Evening
- Thursday 4th Dec - Y4 Online Safety workshop.
- Tuesday 16th Dec - Christmas Service at St. Denys 10am
- Wednesday 17th Dec - Christmas Disco.
- Friday 19th Dec - End of term
- Tuesday 6th January - Term 3 starts.