



YEAR 4

Term 1

A warm welcome back to all pupils and parents! We hope you are all well and are ready for the term ahead. The Year 4 teaching staff are as follows:

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Literacy

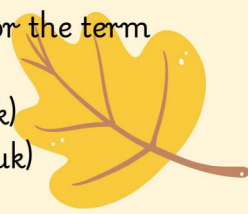
We are very excited to begin our new Talk for Writing units with the children this year. Our focus for the first part of the term will be to write an exciting adventure story. The children will be expected to build on their learning in Year 3 by writing sentences which are correctly punctuated as well as adding expanded noun phrases and a range of conjunctions. Spelling, grammar and handwriting lessons will be incorporated into our weekly planning – spellings will be taught and handed out on a Monday ready to be tested the following week. There will continue to be an emphasis on handwriting which we aim to be fluent and joined by the end of Year 4. In our dedicated Talk for Reading lessons, we will be focusing on 'Voices in the Park' by Anthony Browne. The children will be learning to use a range of comprehension skills to construct their understanding of characters from an image.

Maths

Children will be counting, partitioning, calculating and securing number facts this term as part of the Maths No Problem Scheme. We place a strong emphasis on secure knowledge of number facts, and ask that you take the opportunity to count with your child, and to practice number bonds and times tables regularly. Times Table Rockstars is a vital program which supports your child in their learning of times tables. We expect that each child in Year 4 will complete homework each week based on this – 10 games in the Times Table Rockstars 'garage'. This should take no more than 15 minutes.

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 - Living things and their Habitats

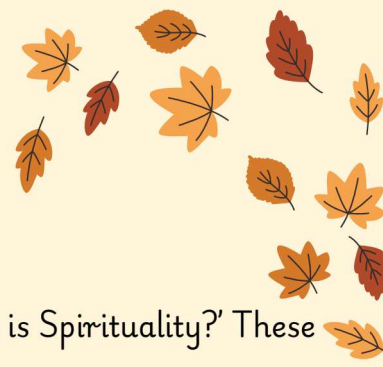
Computing - The Internet

DT - Bridges

Geography - Rivers

RE - The children will be considering the questions 'What is religion?' and 'What is Spirituality?' These lessons will be taught by Mrs Cotton.

Music - Listening and appraising music and playing the recorder taught by Mrs Huesken.



PSHE

The focus of this half-term's PSHE lessons will be 'My healthy-self: How can I make healthy choices?'

The outcomes for PSHE for Year 4 can be found on our website by following [this link](#).

Homework

Children will 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.

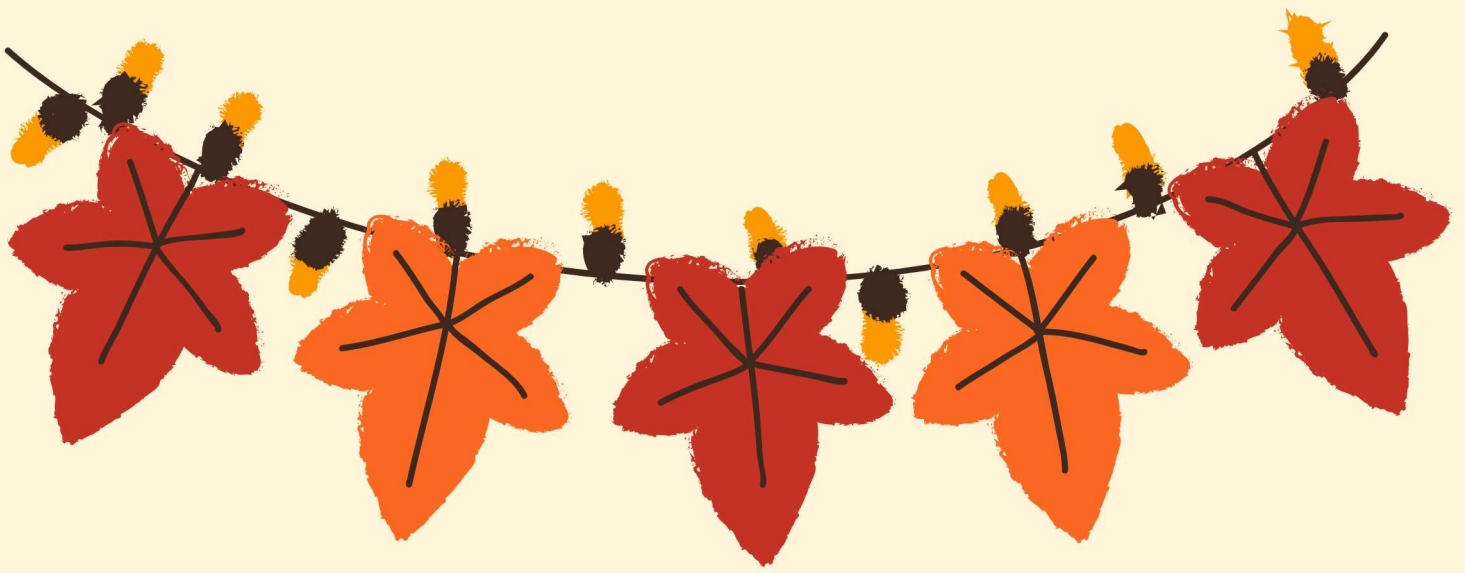
Water bottles and snacks

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.

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 please remember, we are a nut-free school.

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.





DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- Tuesday 22nd September - Visit to Hill Holt Wood 4 JWE and half of 4RSA.
- Wednesday 23rd September - Visit to Hill Holt Wood 4NMA and half of 4RSA.
- Tuesday 6th October - Growth Mindset parent's workshop 9.15am .
- Thursday 8th October - Growth Mindset parent's workshop 5pm.
- Thursday 15th October - Individual Photos
- Thursday 22nd October - Term 1 ends
- Monday 2nd November - Term 2 begins.
- Tuesday 3rd November - Flu immunisations
- Monday 23rd November and Wednesday 25th November - Parents' evenings.
- Friday 18th December - Term 2 ends.

