

Year 4 Newsletter September 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,
Welcome to Year 4!

English

This half term we are recapping on many of the Year 3 key skills, such as the correct use of punctuation, more adventurous vocabulary and consistent use of conjunctions. The children will be looking at different styles of fiction and non-fiction texts to link to our migration topic and will be producing their own letter in the style of a migrant. Handwriting and spelling will be practised regularly. On Mondays, the weekly spelling pattern will be introduced in lessons, leading to a spelling test the following Monday. During the week, children will write out their spelling lists using the look, say, cover, write, check system, and will bring home their spellings on Friday to practise over the weekend before their test - so please help them with this weekend homework task!

Maths

One of the major requirements for Year 4 children is that they should be able to recall ALL of the times table facts up to 12×12 by the end of this year. Last year was the first official year that we took the Multiplication Tables Check and the children all felt very proud of their efforts. Children will also need to learn the division facts that go along with each times table. It would be a great help if you could support your child in learning their tables and the related division facts. A brilliant resource that can be accessed from home computers is the Times Table Rockstars website that we use in school.

Another requirement is to tell the time to the nearest minute, using 12-hour and 24-hour clocks. Please support your child at any opportunity while at home and ask them to tell you the time regularly.

In class, we have begun the year by looking at place value, including recognising numbers up to ten thousand.

Migration

This term we are teaching different subjects through our topic work on "Migration". This topic will include History, Geography, Art, DT, Music, PSHE. They will learn more about the movement of people to this country for many different reasons and across the historical periods too. Bradford's wool was the most sought-after material across the country at one point!

P.E ~ Commit to be fit!

All children need to bring the correct kit. P.E uniform is a white, round-necked T- Shirt with blue shorts or blue track suit bottoms or black leggings/skins. Children also need pumps or trainers. Children should bring their PE kit into school each Monday. All PE kit should be clearly labeled. Children should not wear jewellery in P.E for safety reasons. During the lessons this term, children will develop their gymnastic and football skills.

Modern Foreign Languages

The children will continue to develop their French vocabulary with Ms Reddish and Ms Henry this year. The focus of the lessons this term will be the months of the year, days of the week and the simple story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.



Art

In Art, we will link to our topic of Migration and The Local Area and focus on local sculptor

Barbara Hepworth who moved away from Wakefield to settle in Cornwall via Paris, as an inspiration for her sculptures. We will go on to create our own soap sculpture.

Homework Diaries and Reading Records

Each child in Year 4 will be using the orange reading record book this year. This is also for communication between teachers, parents and pupils about each child's reading. It can also be used to write messages in for each teacher if you can't catch us on the classroom door.

Forest School

This half term, we are lucky enough to be taking part in Forest School every Friday. Please ensure children bring a change of warm, waterproof clothes and shoes. Earrings will need to be taken out and long hair tied back.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. We are available most mornings so please let us know that you'd like a word at the classroom door.

Reminders

Please sign your child's reading record to say they have read.

PE kits to be in school every Monday.
Feel free to leave them in school and take them home each Friday.

The Year 4 Staff Team:

Mrs Boyd and Miss Davison, Mrs Sandhu and Mrs Mahmood.