

## Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is lovely to see the children's smiling faces back in school. They have settled into the Year 4 routines beautifully. Below is some information that I hope will be of use to you during the coming term.

All English and Maths sessions will be taught in line with the National Curriculum and will cover a wide range of key objectives during the year.

### **Our other areas of learning will be as follows:**

<b>Geography</b>	Key Features of Rivers
<b>SCIENCE</b>	States of Matter
<b>R.E.</b>	Hindu Dharma
<b>COMPUTING</b>	Coding
<b>P.S.H.E</b>	<b>Families and Friendships</b> – Positive friendships, including online
<b>P.E.</b>	Gymnastics/Dodgeball
<b>M.F.L</b>	French (ice-creams)
<b>ART</b>	Water – Monet, Hokusai
<b>MUSIC</b>	How Does Music Bring Us Together? - <b>Interesting Time</b>
<b>Signatures</b>	

If anyone has any interesting artefacts or items related to the above topics and they don't mind them being shown in class, please let me know.

**P.E.** - We have P.E. on Mondays and Thursdays. Please could I remind you to label all the items of their P.E kits (**especially the hoodies**) and remind your child to look after their hoodies by either keeping them in their bags when not using them or slide them at the back of their chairs.

**Homework** – It has been decided that the focus across the school for homework is going to be **daily reading, spelling and times tables**.

**Reading:** Please can you ask your child to bring this into school every day. Daily reading in school and at home is encouraged. Developing their speed, stamina and comprehension in reading is of vital importance to help them make good progress.

**Spelling:** Weekly spellings will be assigned each week, and these can be found on spell shed. In addition to this the children have been sent home with a copy of the Year 3 and 4 statutory spelling list. This will also be

allocated on spell shed for the children to practice. There are 50 spellings for year 3 and 50 for year 4 that all children should know by the end of the year. However, half termly I will still need to test the Year 4 50 words as a whole so we can continue to make progress throughout the year.

**Times tables:** At the end of Year 4 there will be a test set by the Government that the children will complete on the iPads. This test is a times tables test and will take place in the classroom. It tests their knowledge of all their times tables at random and at speed. 6 seconds per question. This is an example of the type of questions and speed to expect. <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/> Encouraging your child to practise and learn these will help build their speed and confidence. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>. We will be doing timestables quizzes weekly to encourage the children to learn them

**Water** – please could your child have a labelled water bottle in school so that they can stay hydrated throughout the day. Just water please.

**Healthy Snack** – If you would like your child to have a **healthy snack** at morning playtime, please feel free to send one in with them.

Thank you for your support. If you have any concerns about your child's education at any time, please feel free to discuss these with me.

Kind Regards  
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