

# Year 4 Newsletter

Welcome back to Autumn 2. This newsletter will update you about what will be happening this half term. If you have any questions, please message me on Class Dojo or talk to me at home time.

## Key reminders:

### Reading:

We encourage children to read everyday at home. They have their school books and library books and you are more than welcome to read any you have at home. This can be independently or with an adult. Every week, we will be checking your children's reading records to encourage this.

### Library:

Our library day will be Monday; please ensure your child comes to school with their library book.

### Outdoor learning:

Our outdoor learning time will be Wednesday afternoon. Please bring appropriate, warm clothing and wellies.

### PE:

Our PE days are Thursday and Friday.

## Snacks:

Children are allowed a healthy snack every breaktime. We encourage fruit or vegetables not chocolate, crisps etc.

## Class Dojo:

I will be using Class Dojo to interact and communicate with parents and guardians collectively. Here you will see points your child has earned for positive classroom behaviours. This is also where you can upload any homework or extra work your child has decided to do at home.

Any worries, concerns or positive feedback can be messaged directly to Mrs Dines-Allen on Class Dojo.

## Pencil cases:

Children can bring pencil cases into school but please ensure it is suitable and contains only the necessary equipment.

### Homework table:

Each week choose a different activity to complete. This can be uploaded to Class Dojo or handed in to me. Each completed piece of homework will earn 4 house points.

Complete a science experiment exploring the states of matter (solids, liquids and gases).	To research and create a poster about one of our Scientists of the half term: Marie Curie or John Dalton	To make your own Christmas art—using whatever resources you would like to.
To explore local water sources (reservoirs, streams, rivers, estuary, sea) in preparation for exploring the water cycle.	Help with a job in the house—make sure you ask permission first!	To try a new activity (crafts, sport etc).

### Curriculum:

#### Maths:

Our focus for the second half of Autumn will be to continue to look at multiplication and division, fractions and geometry (measurement, symmetry, perimeter and area). Each week, we will also have a lesson for times tables.

#### English:

Our text focus will be Flotsam for writing. We will be analysing the text, exploring further grammar techniques and using these skills to write our own diary entry towards the end of the unit.

#### RE:

We will be exploring different religious festivals, their beliefs and how they celebrate these.

### Timetables:

In Year 4, every child will participate in a Multiplication Tables Check. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently. Please do not worry as this is to support your child in their future mathematical journey. To support this, we will be having weekly times tables lesson. Please encourage your child to learn their times tables up to 12 x 12. They should all have access to TT Rockstars and this is a great tool to support them. More about the MTC can be found on the government website.

#### Attendance:

Attendance is vital to being successful in school and we want children to be here for as much as the learning as possible. However, if your child is unwell, please inform the office.