

Year 4 newsletter

Hello Year 4! I would to say a huge thank you to you all for being so resilient and amazing last half term. This half term we have so many exciting things to look forward to and I cannot wait to jump into our new topics and learn some amazing new facts and increase our knowledge. We still have our times table club on a Tuesday lunch time for any children that want to come and practise for a short amount of time and still get chance to play. We have our trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park this half term to link with our learning of sculptures in D&T (a letter will be put on DOJO), we are learning about the Mayan's in History and Pentecost in R.E—I am really looking forward to it!

Reading: We are encouraging children to read 30 minutes a day at home. This can be independently or with an adult. Every Friday we will be checking your children's reading records to encourage this (house points up for grabs). Reading records can be used by children themselves to tell what they have read.

Library: Our library day will be Monday, please ensure your child comes to school with their library books.

Outdoor learning: Tuesday afternoon. Please bring wellies. And coats!

PE: Thursday and Friday.

Attendance: Attendance is key to ensure that the children can access the learning provided in school. However, please inform the office if your child is unwell.

Snacks: Children are allowed a healthy snack every breaktime. We encourage fruit or vegetables. No chocolate or crisp. We have an increasing amount of juice in water bottles please make sure it is water only.

Homework: Attached is a homework sheet, we encourage everyone to do one task a week and upload it to class DOJO. We will be monitoring homework hand ins. You can bring this in physically (which I prefer) or send it on dojo.

Timetables: With the last push for times tables for the MTC we are asking parents to really encourage little and often on TT rockstars. We practise this weekly and try incorporate this into as many lessons as we can. The MTC is after the next holidays. We do this in small groups on the laptops over a course of a week.

If you have any questions about the MTC please do not hesitate to send me a DOJO message.

OPAL LUNCHTIME—Monday is in the nature area. Please ensure your child has a change of footwear and clothes in school in case they get wet or muddy.

Class DOJO: This year we will be using class DOJO a lot more to interact and communicate with parents and guardians, this will include **any Friday awards**. We post a lot of our classroom journey on here, so if you would like to see what happens in year 4 keep your eye on class DOJO.

Any worries, concerns or positive feedback can be messaged directly to Miss Hargreaves on class DOJO, you can contact her between 7am and 4:30pm. Please note, any messages sent after this time will be responded to the next working day.

Homework:

- reading 3 times a week with an adult
- TT rockstars daily (10 minutes)
- There will be a variety of maths worksheets printed and readily available for the children to grab. The concepts we will be looking at closely this half term are:

Time—analogue and digital and being able to convert this.

Counting past 0—using number lines to count into negative numbers

Roman numerals—understanding these and being able to recall them, write in Roman numerals

Times table practice

Spellings:

Week 1 difficult different describe decide continue consider

Week 2 important increase history guide grammar fruit

Week 3 therefore although various weight woman

Week 4 reign remember regular medicine natural naughty

Week 5 peculiar possible occasionally ordinary strength

Topic related ideas:

- junk modelling to make a sculpture
- Writing instructions on how to make your sculpture
- Evaluate your model either in writing or in a vlog style video
- Research the Ancient Mayans and create a poster
- Create an Ancient Mayan style Mask
- Look at the effects of climate change on the oceans and write a persuasive letter to get people to change their ways
- Create a PowerPoint on different sea creatures you are interested in

As always, have fun with this and every piece of homework is awarded with house points! Remember, the winning house gets the ice cream van at the end of the term