

Year 4 newsletter

Hello Year 4! How fast has this year gone? We are so close to finishing off the school year and I cannot thank the children and parents enough, for being so kind, patient and supportive. We have a very busy half term with some really interesting learning, making our own torches, looking at electricity, creating our own electric circuits, learning about North America, looking at our life journeys, looking at The Crows Tale in English and so much more! There are so many different things coming up this half term such as sports day, linking school project day and all the end of year craziness that we end up doing!

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 and what they have enjoyed.

Library: Our library day will be Monday, please

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.**

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.

ensure your child comes to school with their library books.

Other useful information:

In R.E this half term, we create our own 'life journeys' and this needs your help and support for this. The children will need a selection of photographs from throughout their lives, such as, weddings, meeting siblings, starting school. Winning trophies. We are looking to celebrate all the different things they have done. These can either be printed off and brought in for me to keep or

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

MTC—we are FINALLY doing our MTC yay! By the time this has gone out we should have all done this! I will not have these results straight away but I will get this to you as soon as possible.

Reports— I am busy writing bespoke reports for your child or children. These will be coming out this half term with all their data,, effort grades and comments on their learning.

Spellings:

Week 1 peculiar, quarter, mention, caught

Week 2 exercise enough height heart

Week 3 length library medicine potatoes

Week 4 ordinary occasionally occasion question

Week 5 possession possess naughty natural

Week 6 difficult popular particular interest

EXTRA SPELLINGS: answer, bicycle business calendar enough

Topic related ideas:

- Use junk modelling to make a torch
- Shadow making with torches / creating a play script for this
- A PowerPoint on North America—what is your favourite country?
- Research on what different types of animals live in North America?
- Research some native tribes that live in North America—create a piece of artwork showing how different they are.
- Bug hunt on a walk—create a tally graph to see what bugs you can find. Then show your findings in