Year 4 Autumn 2 Newsletter

Welcome back, Year 4. I hope you all feel well rested after a week of family time and slower days. We have lots of interesting things to be learning about this half term and we have a trip to West Lane Baptist church scheduled 18th November (this is due to our previous church trip being cancelled). As we enter one of the most magical, but chaotic, times of year, please make sure you are checking dojo regularly for key dates and messages.

Reading: We are encouraging children to read 30 minutes a day at home. This can be independently or with an adult. Every Monday 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. If your child has lost their library book, please can you pay the replacement fee on parent pay which is £5.00

Outdoor learning Tuesday afternoon. Please bring wellies and coats. This will be with Mrs Smith.

OPAL lunch time: Monday. Please make sure you child has spare clothes in case they get wet or muddy. They need to be clearly labelled.. Waterproof pants and coats are ideal when the weather begins to turn as well as gloves, hat and a scarf.

PE: Monday and Wednesday afternoon

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.

English – in English this half term we are looking at a picture book called Flotsam. This is wonderful story and the pictures are beautifully illustrated. We will be learning diary writing skills and this will be our end piece of writing. We look at apostrophes this half term which children do find tricky. This could be something you also practise at home.

Maths – in maths we are looking at division for a few weeks. This is something the children find extremely difficult. You can support your children by helping them with their times tables and knowing that division is the opposite operation. We will also be looking at geometry including shapes, angles, different types of lines and co-ordinates.

Geography – We are learning about corrosion this half term and how this is affecting parts of our world. We think about the question 'why is the sea salty' and investigate this. We will look at some real-life case studies of houses that have been impacted by coastal erosion. We also will be looking at the water cycle.

Art – In art, we are looking at using charcoal and chalk to create artwork. We look at how can we create light and darkness. We practise these skills a lot and then we re-create some lovely work based on nature that shows reflection in water and natural shadows.

Science – In science, we are learning about the three states of matter: gas, solids and liquids. We do a few experiments this half term to look at reversible and irreversible changes. This allows the children to link this to their everyday life and how these three elements are around us all the time,

R.E – In R.E this half term, we look at lots of different religious festivals such as Diwali, Christmas, Eid and we compare them to see what is the same and what is different. This allows children to explore other faiths and deepens their understanding of the ever-changing world around them.