



Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful half-term break and are ready for another busy term ahead! The children had lots of fantastic experiences last half term, including learning a beautiful dance for Diwali and discovering what to do in an emergency during their Mini First Aid session, where they practised how to help someone who is choking. It was also lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening – thank you for taking the time to meet with us and discuss your child's progress. This half term is also set to be a busy one! We'll be marking Anti-Bullying Week during the week commencing 10th November, and observing Remembrance Day on Monday 11th November with a special assembly. We're also looking forward to our exciting River Trips on 24th and 26th November – please check ParentMail for further details and permission information. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Important Information and Reminders

Reading Rewards

We are very excited to be launching our brand-new Reading Rewards system this half term! The children still need to read at least three times per week however, children will now earn points for reading at home. Each time they read, they will move one step along the Reading Road, and once they reach 60 steps, they will receive a golden token to use in our special vending machine to choose a new book! To make sure their reads count, children must record their reading in their reading diary, and an adult should sign the diary at least once a week. Please note that reads can only be counted once per day, with a maximum of seven reads per week. We can't wait to see all the wonderful reading our Year 4 children will be doing at home!

Multiplication Evening – 23rd November

We are pleased to invite you to our Year 4 Multiplication Evening **on Thursday 26th November at 4:30pm**. This session will give parents and carers an insight into the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check, including what it involves and how it is carried out. We will also share practical ideas and resources to help you support your child with learning their times tables at home. We hope you can join us for this informative and supportive session!

PE Kits and Uniform

Our PE days this half term are a Monday and a Wednesday. Please can the children come into school in their PE kits on these days and remember that if children are wearing a jumper with their PE kit, it should be their school jumper. We have been so impressed with how smart the children have looked on their return to school this year, particularly in their new blue PE tops! Thank you for all your support in ensuring the children have the correct uniform. Please can we just remind all parents that the children need to have a pair of school shoes to wear each day and that trainers should only be worn for PE lessons.



English

Class text: Leon and the Place Between by Graham Baker-Smith



The children will be writing a recount, in the form of Leon's secret diary about what really happened in 'the place between'. They will be building on prior knowledge of expanded noun phrases and conjunctions and will also be indicating possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns.

Maths

This half term the children will be learning about addition and subtraction. They will begin by doing this mentally and then will learn the written method for addition and subtraction. We will also continue to develop the children's times tables knowledge in preparation for the multiplication check at the end of Year 4.

Science

In science, our topic is sound and we will be answering the question 'How do we hear?' The children will learn about how sound is made when something vibrates and will carry out a number of different enquiries using scientific skills.



Art

The children will be developing their printmaking skills using different blocks, painting slabs and rollers.



History

The children will continue learning about Britain's settlement from the Anglo-Saxons and Scots.

Geography

The children will be learning about rivers and the water cycle.



Computing

The children will be learning about variables and using these within their own scratch games.

Music

This term, the children will develop their playing skills using glockenspiels. They will also learn about musical notation and recording this.

PE

The children will be learning about badminton and will learn to serve and return.

RE – Christianity

Children will explore the question: How and why might Christians use the Bible? 

Design Technology

We will be creating our own nightlights using electrical circuits.

MFL – French

The children will be learning about their local area and Christmas in French.

PSHE

The children will be looking at their own health and wellbeing and will answer the question, 'How can I develop a healthy mind?'