Year 4 Autumn Newsletter

Year 4 Classes
Birch Class: Miss Hartley

Maple Class: Miss Anderton



Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone. We hope you have had a lovely summer holidays and are ready to get back into the swing of things.

Additional to the two class teachers in Year 4, we have three one-to-one teaching assistants, Mr Khan, Mrs Mubarak and Miss Parveen. We also have Mrs DiTullio and Miss Yung who support all of the children in Year 4.



Exciting Events

Year 4 have some exciting events going on this term.

These include:

- The Year 4 Residential to Castleton in the Peak District.
- Archery with the Outdoor Team
- A special visit from Touchstones Museum where we will get to look at some Roman artefacts
- European Languages Day

Information about the residential has already been shared with the children and parents during Year 3. The children who are going on the trip will receive a kit list and more information nearer the time.

Year 4 Homework

<u>Spellings</u>

Each child has received 2 spelling sheets which should last them for the half term. We request that if your child has not got a spelling sheet that they are reminded to ask the class teacher as we are more than happy to replace it. Children should be practicing spellings for at least 20 minutes per week. We aim to have a spelling test every Monday.

Reading

Reading also forms a key part of the Year 4 homework. Please encourage your child to keep reading for enjoyment and we suggest at least 10 minutes reading every day. We would be grateful if you could make sure their reading book is sent back into school every day! There is a basket in each children for children to place their book in when it needs changing. Please note that we change a child's book every week given that there is evidence they have completed the whole book.

Times Tables

If you would like to help your child at home please encourage them to learn their times tables. Your child has been given their TimesTable RockStars passwords and any time that they can spend on this will help! In June, the children will be completing the **statutory** times table test and they MUST know their tables (up to 12x12) fluently for this.

Other Subjects

If you want to support your child in other subjects, you can see what we are learning about by looking at the Knowledge Content Document on the website which details all of the content that we are learning about throughout the year.

Y4 Autumn Curriculum

Our topic for this term is 'Romans.' Children will learn all about the Romans have impacted our lives today. Our Author for this half term is Jeremy Strong, focusing on his book 'Romans on the Rampage'.

English

Children in year 4 are focusing on their handwriting skills and improving their knowledge of different styles of writing, such as Newspaper reports and persuasive language. This term our focus will be on ensuring that children move towards writing more independently whilst still incorporating the learnt grammar features. We will be consolidating our learning of singular and plural nouns, pronouns, adverbs and prepositions.

They will also become more familiar with question types (VIPERS) and develop their reading for pleasure.

Maths

This term, our focus in Math will be Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Area, Multiplication and Division. Children will learn these mathematical skills through pictorial and concrete representations. If you would like to provide additional support for your child at home then you can visit the following link as discussed during the Meet the Teacher meeting.

https://whiterosemaths.com/

Science

Our science topic this half term is 'Animals, including humans.' Children will learn the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans, they will learn the different types of teeth in humans and animals, and their simple functions. They will learn how to construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

Computing

Our focus in computing will be 'The Internet.' Pupils will learn how systems and networks make up the internet. They will learn how content can be added and accessed on the World Wide Web (www) and they will learn how to evaluate the consequences of unreliable content.

History

In History, we will learn all about The Romans. They will learn about how items found belonging to the past are helping us to build an accurate picture of how people used to live. They will also learn about how events from the past have helped shape our lives today and the impact of the Romans have had on our everyday lives.

Reminders

Now we are in Year 4 we are continuing to develop our independence as learners. We need to remember to be ready for learning for every lesson and remember our own reading books and homework.

Please can we remind all parents to write their child's name inside each of their belongings including ties.

If you have anything you wish to discuss with the Year 4 staff, please catch us at the end of the day.



PE lessons will be on Monday mornings. All children must remember to bring in their PE kits – white t-shirt, black trousers or shorts and pumps or trainers.











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