



# Jericho Primary School

## Class Newsletter January 2025

# Year 4

Happy New Year.

Welcome to the Spring term!

We hope you have had an enjoyable break and are keen and ready to get started on this new term. We have some exciting topics to look forward to.

### The Year 4 Team

Our Year 4 team:

4H: Mrs Milligan

4W: Miss Hawksworth

The following Teaching Assistants will be supporting the year group.

**Mrs Standley**

**Mrs Taylor**

This term our curriculum covers the following areas:

**Literacy:** This term, we will be exploring a range of narrative and non-fiction texts. We will start by writing a news report before looking at explanatory texts and stories from other cultures. We will secure the use of the following punctuation: capital letters and full stops; commas after fronted adverbials; possessive apostrophe for singular and plural nouns.

We will be reading *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell as our Class Novel.

**Mathematics:** We start the term by looking at multiplication and division. We will learn about factor pairs and how to use them before moving on to multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. We will also look at multiplying two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using a formal written layout. The topic we will look at next will be perimeter and length.

Our **Science** work this term focuses on Animals including humans- food chains. We will construct food chains and identify producers, predators and prey. Our second topic is Electricity. We will construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. We will also identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit. Finally, we will recognise some common conductors and insulators.

In **Geography**, we will look at Migration. We will explore the types of migration and the impact of it. We will look at the economic impact of how Climate Change is beginning to have an effect on migration.

**R.E:** Hinduism. Pilgrimage to the River Ganges. We will explore the question- Would visiting the River Ganges feel special to a non-Hindu?

**DT:** Structures - Shell structures. We will make a shell structure to use as a sturdy treasure box. We will investigate strengthening materials.

**PSHE:** Keeping Myself Safe. We will define the terms: danger, risk and hazard and be able to explain ways to manage and minimise risk to ourselves. We will learn how to use medicines safely and understand the term 'drugs'. We will revisit ways to keep ourselves safe online and be alert to dangers.

**Music:** STOP. We will explore Rap music looking the structure, instruments and rhythms created. We will produce and perform our own Rap.

**French:** In French, we will be learning about Ma Famille. We will learn how to tell somebody the members, names and various ages of either our own or a fictional family in French. We will also be developing our ability to listen attentively to the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears in French learning the associated vocabulary.

**P.E:** Dance, yoga, fitness and handball.



## Uniform and PE Kit

We are incredibly proud of how smart our Year 4's look following the school's uniform policy. The expectations for PE kit can also be found here.

For health and safety reasons, we request that long hair is to be tied back in PE lessons and earrings should be removed. If they cannot be removed, then they should be covered with tape.

Our PE days this half term are:

Tuesday PM

Thursday PM

Please send children into school in their uniform with their PE kits in a bag to change into for afternoon sessions.

### PE KIT

PE kit MUST be clearly labelled with your child's name.

A standard PE kit should contain;

- White t-shirt
- Dark shorts/ jogging bottoms
- trainers
- All hair should be tied back and earrings will be covered if not removed.

Please be reminded that the classroom doors open at 8.45am, ready for a prompt and positive start to the school day. Gates are closed at 8:55am.

## Reminder!

We are an outstandingly happy school!

Please keep an eye out for our happy 'Praise Postcards' and Star of the Week certificates.

We will also share any exciting Year 4 news on our school Facebook page.

If there are any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us

Kind regards

Year 4 Team!

## Homework

Your support with home learning is vitally important in order to extend and consolidate the work that we do in Year 4. This will help to ensure that your child achieves as well as they possibly can. Homework in Year 4 is sent home each Tuesday and is to be completed by the following Tuesday.

A basic outline is given below for your child's year group:

### Daily Reading

Please read with your child for 15 minutes daily and sign their reading record. Reading books and records will be checked in school every day.

### Maths

- Rockstars - 10 minutes daily is recommended. A timer could be used to avoid over lengthy amounts of screen time spent on these apps.

### Words to Read and Spell:

Year 4 - 10 spellings (5 if agreed with the class teacher).

Thank You.