



Year 4 Buzzards Class Newsletter: Term 1

Date: Wednesday 4th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school, and welcome to Buzzards Class! I am very excited to be back in school and am really looking forward to getting to know everyone. We are going to have a very enjoyable year!

Alongside this letter, you should receive a Topic Web as well as Knowledge Organisers for History and Maths, detailing all curriculum information, including what will be taught in each subject over the next term.

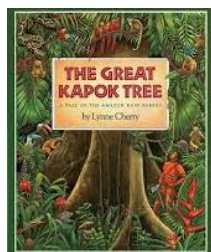
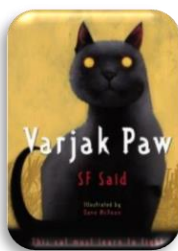
Curriculum:

This term's question is 'Who has changed our world?' Buzzards will be focusing our history topic on The Vikings and what they did to influence life in the UK and other countries.

For the first week back in school, we will be studying a poem called 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough. We will create our own version of a sound poem and art based on sound waves.




The text that we will be studying as part of our history topic is 'Odd and the Frost Giants' by Neil Gaiman. This is a book about a Viking boy, and he will enable the children to learn about the life of this boy as a Viking and their beliefs.



The text extracts we will be studying to continue to develop our skills in fluency, understanding and exploring is 'Varjak Paw' by SF Said.

The text we will study to inspire our writing skills is 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry.



Our Values this term are 'Respect' and 'Courage'. These support the promotion of our three school rules: 'Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful'.


Lots of parents often ask me about ideas for books to read at home so there are some ideas of popular books for Year 4 at the end of this letter, in school, children choose books, from the library or a few recommended texts in the classroom. Children will be able to take books home. It is important that children always have their books with them in school so that they can continue reading in school too, especially as there will be opportunities to read with an adult.

Homework will be set each Monday and will need to be handed in the following Monday. It will be based on prior learning and used as a way of consolidating what the children have already been taught. It will consist of Times Tables, Spellings and Reading. It is our expectation that the children read regularly at home (5 times a week, 2 of these should be reading to an adult or older sibling); this should be recorded in the child's Reading Record, which should be present in school every day too.

School Uniform:

Blue jumper
White or blue polo shirt
Black or grey shorts / trousers
Black or grey skirt
Blue summer dress / Black or grey skirt/pinafore
Children must wear footwear that is **all black**

It is important that our children come to school in the correct school uniform as it gives a sense of pride and belonging to the Rodbourne Cheney Community/family.



PE will be taught on **Mondays and Fridays**. Children should continue to come into school in their PE kits on these days:

- Black / blue tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts
- White PE t-shirt
- Blue or black tracksuit top or school jumper
- Trainers or daps

Children will also need to bring in a refillable water bottle each day to ensure that they have safe access to water. Our classroom has a drinking water tap for the children to use when needed.

Finally, one last reminder that doors will open at **8:30am** with register at **8:35am** and lessons starting at **8:45am**. Children will enter through the class door near the Broadway entrance to the school. We would encourage children to walk to the classroom door independently where possible. The day finishes at **3:25pm** (1:30pm on Fridays).

All that's left to say is that I am looking forward to welcoming back the children and am very excited about the year ahead. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me via the school office or my email (habrown@rodbournecheney.swindon.sch.uk) if you have any questions or concerns and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Also, keep up with the class learning and events via Twitter (@BuzzardsRcps).

Warm regards,

Miss Brown 😊

Book recommendations:

