

**Parental Support:**

As you are already aware, it is extremely important that our children are reading every night at home. We would like to thank you and ask that parents and carers continue to listen to the children reading each night for 5-10 minutes. Please ask children questions about the pages they have read to strengthen their reading skills and deepen their understanding of the book.

The children must log on to TT Rock stars and use this daily to help with pace and recall of times tables. Again, thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

**Swimming:**

Swimming takes place on a Thursday for Year 4. Children must have swimwear including a cap.

**PE:**

PE takes place on a Friday. The children need to attend school in their full PE kit on this day. This includes a white polo shirt and black shorts.

**Literacy:**

This half term, we are taking inspiration from Kieran Larwood's Podkin One-Ear to produce our pieces of writing. This term, children will develop their writing by producing a character description and an informative non-chronological report all about mystical weapons. In the following half term, we will be taking inspiration from Cressida Cowell's How to Train Your Dragon.

**Sounds-write**

Year 4 are currently focusing on sounds that have more than one spelling. Weekly spellings will be sent home on a Monday linked to this sound. Children will be tested on a Friday.

**Science:**

Throughout this half term, we are focusing on States of Matter. Children will take part in practical investigations to help embed their conceptual knowledge and practise scientific enquiry skills.

**RE:**

We are currently working on the topic of Domestic Church. Thinking about where we come from and why family is important. Later in the term we will be looking at Judaism, Reconciliation and Advent.

**Music:**

Year 4 the children are focusing on listening and appraising and performing. The children are going to be focusing on performing music this term.

**Numeracy:**

In Numeracy, Year 4 are focusing on place value of number and measurement. We will also be looking at methods of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication.

**Reading:**

We are reading Kieran Larwood's Podkin One-Ear as our class novel. Within Guided Reading, Year 4 are continuously revisiting and practising key reading skills that are vital for helping us progress as confident readers.

**Art:** In art, children are learning to observe and draw patterns from nature, using a range of materials such as pencil, crayon and paint to bring their ideas to life.

**History:**

In history, we are beginning our new topic on George Stephenson. In this, we will be exploring why his contributions to railway development were a turning point in history, using our key historical skills.

**Geography:**

In A2 for geography we will be exploring coasts, finding out how they are created and the different ways they can change.

**French:**

We are continuing to develop children's understanding of basic French.

