

P.E

It is important P.E. kits (both indoor and outdoor) are in school every week as on a Monday we have P.E. & other P.E. activities take place throughout the week.

* Plimsolls are needed for indoor P.E and trainers for outdoor P.E. Shorts must be black or blue and children will need to wear a plain white t shirt.

* If your child needs an inhaler this must be in school.

Swimming lessons for Year 4 will commence later this term and we will send out further information nearer the time.

Maths

This term we will be covering place value (including reasoning and problem solving); and the four rules of number (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Times Tables:

The National expectation is now that all children know all their times tables by the end of Y4. Therefore, we ask that you practise these regularly with your child.

Children will practise these in school every day using our Times Tables Rock Stars programme. Please encourage children to access this website at home to help and support them with their recall of times table facts.

Please ask Mrs Smith or Mrs Edwards if your child needs another copy of their login card for this.

Autumn Term Newsletter

Y4

Welcome back to your first term of Year 4!

The children have come back settled and are working hard.

Please don't hesitate to contact school if you have any questions or concerns as most things are simple to address.

Mrs Smith and Mrs Edwards

Topic

This term our topic is Africa. We will be looking at where it is in the world, mountains and volcanoes, climate zones and democracy in South Africa.

In art, we will be creating African patterns and studying African artists and music will have a focus on traditional African tribal music, creating graphic scores and contemporary African music e.g. The Lion King
We will also make links between our English and topic work by writing reports, biographies on African leaders and newspaper reports based on events in Africa.

DT is later in the term and will be our Christmas Cooking project.

Science

Y4 will be learning about Electricity. They will be learning about electrical safety, learning how to construct a simple working circuit, how switches work and materials that are conductors and insulators.

R.E

We cover 2 topics in The Way the Truth and the Life scheme during the Autumn term. These are The Bible & Celebrating Reconciliation.

At the start of the autumn term we also learn about other faiths and focus on Judaism.

Year 4 are also on a rota for attending mass on a Friday morning.

English

Throughout this term, Y4 will be covering fiction and non-fiction writing which will include: descriptive writing, poetry; diary entries and newspaper reports. These tasks will be differentiated to meet the needs and abilities of the children in the class. We will use texts that are related to our topic of Africa.

Reading

Children are encouraged to read each evening with a parent/adult as this aids fluency and understanding. As a school, we expect that children do this at least four times-a-week (Monday to Monday) and that their white reading cards are signed and returned each morning to class.

Homework

Homework is now given out at the beginning of the half term, with topic related activities to be completed. Please ensure your child completes at least 3 of these. Spellings for the first half term have been given out on the back of the homework sheet. Please focus on one week's spellings at a time. These will be tested on a Tuesday.