

Year 4 Newsletter to parents Autumn 2020

Welcome back! We hope you are refreshed and ready to start Year 4. We are looking forward to all the wonderful activities that we will be enjoying this year.

We've really missed having the children with us during lockdown, so we are excited to have them back and have a brand new school year ahead!

Year 4 Staff

St Philomena's Class

Miss Clark & Mrs Nightingill

St Paul's Class

Mrs Rose, Mrs Balcombe & Mrs Johnson

Homework Policy Expectations

We have made a few changes to our homework provision this year, some of which were introduced during lockdown. Instead of MyMaths, we will be using **Maths Factor** and instead of Spellodrome, we will be using **Spelling Shed**.

We would also like you to continue using **Bug Club** for weekly reading activities.

	Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Maths	Flipped curriculum
Year 4	Read daily for 15 minutes (2 of these days need to be reading sessions on Bug Club)	Spelling Shed (Revise one spelling list per week, as often as possible)	Grammar Bug (At least 2 sessions per week)	Maths Factor (At least two sessions per week) Times Table Rockstars (weekly times table practise)	No flipped curriculum for this half term

Active Learn

Three of our homework programmes are accessed via the 'Active Learn' website – Maths Factor, Grammar and Bug Club.

Maths Factor – Within Maths factor, the children complete sessions involving a video lesson, warm up and practice session. While we only expect children to complete at least 2 sessions per week, there are enough sessions for children to complete one session a day, if you wish for them to do so.

There are also lots of additional maths challenges for the children to complete via the 'Games Centre', 'Summer Club' and 'Winter Club' areas. These are particularly useful as revision sessions, especially where we have not been in school for such a long period of time.

Grammar – Children will use the 'Active Learn' log in information and select the Grammar option. They will need to complete the weekly grammar task. For additional work, children can complete more sessions or they can use any of the other features in 'Games'.

Bug Club – The children should be familiar with Bug Club from their time in the infants and during lockdown. Bug Club should be used for weekly reading practise.

Spelling Shed – Similar to Spellodrome, the children will need to practise one spelling list each week (usually consisting of 10 words). There will be a weekly spelling test on these words in class on a Friday.

Medical and SEND information

We ask that any medication or asthma pumps are in school. Any medical or SEND information needs to be emailed to the school office – Addressed to Mrs Balcombe.

Music Lessons

Private music lessons (flute, ukulele and violin) will go ahead as usual this term, if your child owns their own instrument. Extra provisions have been put in place to ensure the safety of staff and pupils. Mrs Skinner is also offering private recorder lessons this term. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to take part.

PE Lessons & Swimming

Year 4 PE lessons will take place on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**, so children will need to come into school wearing their full PE kit, rather than their school uniform. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit and footwear (trainers or plimsolls).

Although Year 4 would usually do swimming during the autumn term, due to Covid19, this is not yet possible. If/when swimming lessons are able to resume, we will send out a letter to notify you that they will be taking place.

Autumn Term Topics

	RE	English	Maths	CLC	Science	Bounce Back
Autumn 1	Domestic Church – Family: People	Alice in Wonderland	Place Value	What was it like to be a dinosaur?	Animals including humans - Teeth	Mental health and well being
Autumn 2	Baptism/ Confirmation – Belonging: Called	Catkin	Addition and subtraction Measure (perimeter) Multiplication and division	Who was tougher, the Anglo-Saxons or the Vikings?	States of matter	Mental health and well being

Key Dates for Autumn Term:

- Whole school virtual Harvest Assembly – **Wednesday 30th September**
- Mid-term reports – **Friday 16th October**
- Parent phone consultations – **Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October**
- Training day – School closed – **Friday 23rd October**
- Half term – **Monday 26th – Friday 30th October**
- Return to school - **Monday 2nd November**
- Children's photographs (singles) - **Monday 9th November**
- Whole school virtual Remembrance Service - **Wednesday 11th November**
- Christmas Jumper Day – **Wednesday 16th December**
- Last day of term & Mid-term reports – **Friday 18th December**

