

YEAR 4

NEWSLETTER



Week beginning 17.11.25

Key Information

We are looking forward to seeing you tomorrow at 2:45pm for our Art Celebration afternoon. Please arrive at the office and someone will escort you to your child's class. The event will end at 3:15pm and we'll bring the children out to you at the normal time.

Tomorrow, in aid of Children in Need, it is a non-school uniform day. Children should hand in their donations to their teacher.

Attendance

F2 96.2% Y1 95.3% Y2 95.6% Y3 96.1%

Y4 97.1% Y5 96.5% Y6 96.7%

The whole school target for attendance is 97%

Message from the Year 4 Team

We've now completed the auditions for our Christmas Panto. Thank you for all the support at home with helping the children to learn their lines – they did brilliantly! We'll give out parts and scripts at the beginning of next week and begin practising in earnest!

In the next few weeks your children will be taking part in some assessments in Reading, Maths, Spelling and Grammar. As usual, we will endeavour to keep the texts as informal as possible.

Here is a link to the Multiplication Check website that we have been using.

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

This week's learning

In English, we will be reading a bit more of the Iron Man and meeting an even bigger and even more menacing character...! In writing, we will be exploring intimidating word and grammar choices in examples from other stories. In Maths, we will be converting kilometres into metres and then we will be calculating perimeters of regular and irregular shapes. In Art, we will be continuing our unit on block printing using string to create textures. In Science, we'll be continuing to make simple circuits and investigate brighter and dimmer bulbs. We'll carry on with Little Red Riding Hood in French and the Hindu faith in RE.

Message from Mr Wilkes

We have welcomed lots of prospective parents to school this week who are looking for places for their children in September. It has been great to meet so many people in our community. We have an open session on Saturday morning from 9.30 until 11 and another open event next Thursday evening at 4pm. Please pass this on if you know of anyone looking for school places.

The first meeting of our Eco Council took place this week with Miss Howe. They will be supporting the school with our climate action plan and will be focusing on traffic and pollution as their first project.

I wrote to you in the Summer term asking for your thoughts on the residential visits and experiences the children have during their time at The Lanes. Thank you for your responses. We spent last year reviewing our offer, considering the educational value, the value for money and the quality of the activities and centres. We will be changing the Year 5 visit from two nights in York to one night. This will make the costings more manageable, whilst enabling us to focus on the high-quality activities. This visit will take place in March and more details will follow. We have paused the Year 3 residential to Mount Cook for this year as we felt that it did not link sufficiently well to the curriculum learning and was not good value for money. The children will have a day visit to Creswell Crags which will give a really high-quality opportunity for learning and we are currently exploring a way to create a residential experience at a more significantly reduced cost. When we have more details of this we will let you know.

I understand this is a change and some children may be disappointed. However, in order to sustain these experiences in the current financial climate, in terms of cost of living and educational budgets, we need to make some changes. These visits are an integral part of the school offer, and we will continue to work hard to ensure they are protected in a way that is sustainable and inclusive.