

Class 4 - Newsletter Spring Term 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

Spelling

We will focus on spelling daily within class. Please support at home by practicing the spelling lists to assist with the children's writing skills.

Handwriting

We have a whole school focus on improving our handwriting within class and homework will be issued to reinforce this skill.

TT Rockstars

All children have usernames and passwords to access this super online resource. I would like to encourage all children to aim for 4 sessions a week to improve their quick recall of multiplication and division facts.

Homework

Children are expected to read at home at least four times a week. Please ensure you are signing the homework diary to show your support of your child's learning. Maths and English homework will be set on a Wednesday and will be due in on Monday. We will also be continuing with our extended homework and details will follow shortly.

PE

Please make sure children always have their PE kit in school. Please ensure they have blue/black shorts, white t-shirt and plimsolls/trainers. PE will take place on Tuesday's this term.

Belongings

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled.

Bags

Please ensure bags are in school daily containing their reading books and homework diaries. As it is difficult to store the bags **please use small bags rather than large rucksacks**. Please also only add a maximum of three small keyrings to the bags.

Punctuality

Please try to bring your child to school at 8.50am as this gives them time to settle into school before the school day begins.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are ready for the new term. We have lots of exciting events happening this term and lots of learning opportunities.

I'm looking forward to another fantastic term with you all.

Autumn Term Learning

This term's main topic will be *Ancient Greece*. We will be focusing on the locality of *Greece*, and the history of this era, the fascinating myths and legends which originated from this period and other events which have shaped our world.

In English, we will be learning about a range of genres including myths and legends, stories as play scripts and instructions as our non-fiction unit.

In Maths, our main focus will be place value of numbers up to 6 and 7 digits, decimals and using the four calculations to solve real life problems involving decimals.

In Science, we will start the term looking at separating mixtures and move onto looking at the different types of changes that can occur.

In PE, we will be focusing on dance and gymnastics, as the weather is often cold and damp at this time of year, we will use the hall for our PE sessions.

In PSHE we will be learning about what makes us healthy and healthy lifestyles. This will include keeping a healthy mind and body. Our Health Project work will link to this area of learning.

Mrs Thomas will be teaching Class 4 on a Monday. She will be focusing on the Shape, space and measure aspect of Maths and the discrete teaching of Spelling, punctuation and grammar. She will also be teaching RE on a Monday afternoon which this term looks at the religion of Christianity and Judaism.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read regularly to you and discuss their books with them at home. Children have access to their **Bug Club** accounts through Active Learn. All children have usernames and passwords to access this wonderful resource. If your child cannot remember their login details, please let me know.

Please update their reading record each time you read or discuss their book with them. Children should read at least four times at home each week so please ensure homework diaries are updated and in their book bags daily. Homework diaries have been issued and are checked daily. Please record reading and any messages you have and we will respond accordingly.

Mrs Haldane will also be working alongside me in Class 4. We look forward to working with you and the children over the coming year.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you require any assistance or have any concerns.

Mrs James