



Autumn 2 Newsletter November 2022

YEAR 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

In this newsletter you will find information on what we are studying this term (and next) as well as general information and key dates for your diary. As ever, should you have any questions, do contact us via ClassDojo or, if a quick query, catch us at the end of the day.

As you are aware, our new school values are Resilience, Community and Respect. Please continue to discuss these at home with your child and how they can reflect these at home and school.

Mr Farnell

Term 2 Learning

This term the children's learning will be as follows:

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| English | During this term we will be looking at the story "The Arrival" by Shaun Tan. This is a silent novel. We will be using the book to create a diary entry, setting descriptions and our own suspense stories. |
| Maths | This term we begin with looking at the area of different rectilinear shapes before moving onto our first visit of multiplication and division. Our area topic is very short and will be revisited later in the year. Multiplication and division will make up the rest of this terms maths where we will look at multiplying and dividing by 3, 6, 9, 7, 11 and 12 as well as multiplying three numbers together. |
| RE | Our topic this term is Incarnation. This is when God sent Jesus to Earth to save people from their Sins. It starts at Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and ends with his death on the cross. Our big question this term is 'What is the trinity?'. We will also be looking at Ramadan, the Islamic festival, as part of Interfaith week. |
| History | During Term 1 we were looking at the Stone Age. We will be continuing the theme this term as we work through the Bronze Age, finishing at the Iron Age. |
| Geography | This terms focus will be on rivers and mountains. We will spend some time looking at rivers from around the world, how they are formed and the importance they have in our life. We will also look at several different mountains from around the world. We will also spend some time looking at the water cycle. |
| Science | Biology and Chemistry take centre stage for this term. In Biology we will be looking at animals and humans with a focus on nutrition. In Chemistry, we will be investigating different materials focusing on solids, liquids and gases. |

Art	We will be looking at abstract art, focusing on Wassily Kandinsky. The children will look at the different features he uses and create their own abstract piece.
PE	Our topics this term are dodgeball and gymnastics. Both will be inside activities. Dodgeball will occur on Tuesday afternoon and gymnastics a Friday morning.
PSHE	Our overarching topic this term is Celebrating Differences. We will spend some time looking at accepting that everyone is different, inclusion always, how to help someone who is being bullied as well as celebrating and identifying special unique features about themselves.
Music	The children will be learning how to play a glockenspiel this term. They will focus on identify different keys and playing different songs.
French	We will continue building on our growing knowledge of the French language. We will be focusing on learning all about vegetables.

Additional information

Spellings – these are set every Friday and evaluated on the following Friday. Hard copies are available, if need be, but they are also posted on Spelling Shed. This app allows the children to practise their spellings and earn points. All login details are stuck in the back of the children’s reading records.

Times Table Rockstars – we will be continuing using TTRS both in school and at home. This is a great app that will be very helpful as we prepare for the official Multiplication Test later in the year. We will complete a timed version on a Friday.

Reading – Please do read regularly with your child at home. Sign their reading record and help them earn Accelerated Reader awards and House points. We cannot stress how much of a positive impact this has on your child’s reading ability.

If you need to contact us, please use ClassDojo. We will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Do note that teachers cannot see messages sent to other teachers. You are given the option to choose who you want to send the message to when composing it.

Finally, a reminder to make sure everything is named, this includes PE kits and (as the weather gets colder) hats, scarves, gloves and any new coats!

Thank you.

Key dates/information

Monday 14th November – Anti-bullying week and Interfaith week. Odd socks day.

Friday 25th November – non-uniform day for Christmas donations.

Monday 28th November & Thursday 1st December – Parent consultations (more information to follow).

Saturday 3rd December – Christmas Fayre 12pm-3pm

Wednesday 7th December – KS2 Panto (at school).

Thursday 8th December – FOSS disco (after school).

Friday 9th December – Christmas jumper day.

Tuesday 13th December – KS2 party (in school time, party outfit needed).

Tuesday 13th December – Church Service (this is not confirmed yet due to the damage at the church).

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas dinner day and Elf Day.

Friday 16th December – End of term (1.30pm finish).

