



Autumn 2 Newsletter November 2023

YEAR 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

In this newsletter you will find information on what we are studying this term 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. Alongside this we will be reading The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo. |
| Maths | This term we will be continuing with our addition and subtraction topic. We will spend some time revisiting the techniques to ensure we are secure in both column addition and column subtraction with regrouping. We will then move onto looking at the area of certain rectilinear shapes before ending the term with our first visit to multiplication and division. |
| 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?' |
| 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 term's 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. PE will take place on a Wednesday during term 2.
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 jumpers, cardigans, hats, scarves, gloves and any new coats!

Thank you.

Key dates/information

Monday 6th – Monday 13th November – sponsored reading event.

Monday 13th November - Friday 17th November – Anti-bullying week.

Monday 20th November and Thursday 23rd November – parent consultations (more information to follow).

Wednesday 6th December – KS2 Panto (at school).

Friday 8th December – Christmas jumper day.

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas dinner day and Elf Day.

Wednesday 20th December – End of term (1.30pm finish).

