



Welcome to Class 4's Autumn Newsletter

We hope that you have all had a lovely summer holiday and are ready to start the new school year. This newsletter will hopefully cover any questions that you may have about your child's new class, but if there is anything else you would like to know please contact Mr Vincent or the school office. Our class story, which you can access via Class Dojo, will be regularly updated with photographs and other information.

Weekly diary

Monday	- Reading books in school
Tuesday	- Reading books in school
Wednesday	- Reading books in school
Thursday	- Reading books in school - Swimming - Hat, goggles swimsuit/trunks and towels needed in school.
Friday	- Reading books in school - PE suitable footwear for outdoor lessons - Spellings to be returned to school - Times table homework returned to school - Spelling test - New spellings go home along with times table homework

Literacy

We will begin this year by exploring the text 'Gangsta Granny' written by David Walliams. This will inform the text types we are planning to cover this term which will include writing stories, newspaper reports, diary entries and persuasive texts. Throughout the term, we will also continue to focus on developing all aspects of the children's understanding of English grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Reading



Through the use of Accelerated Reader, we will be developing our understanding of the texts which we have read. In order to support your child's reading they will be given the opportunity to bring a text home. Once their book has been read they will be asked to complete a quiz based on their understanding of the text in school. Please try to listen to your child read their book at least 3 times a week and leave a comment in their reading record. **Reading folders need to be in school every day.**

Numeracy

During the Autumn term we will be covering the different areas of number and calculation beginning with blocks of work on place value and gaining a solid understanding of the formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. As we move towards Christmas we will cover blocks of work including fractions, decimals and percentages, time and statistics.

SATs

The Year 6 children will be completing their SATs in the week beginning Monday 11th May 2020 finishing on Thursday 14th May 2020. Further information about the Year 6 SATs, including when SAT booster sessions will be taking place and the dates and times of each paper, will follow after Christmas.

Other subjects

This term our class will be covering the Vikings as our history topic and this will be our theme for many of our other lessons. This will link to our work in D&T, which will give the children the chance to design a Viking Longboat. In Computing, we will be learning about Digital Citizenship and exploring how to stay safe online. In Geography, we will be focusing on Volcanoes and Earthquakes and developing our map skills. In Science, we will learn about Earth and Space. Our Spanish topic will be focusing on clothing and calendars. We will also be doing a lot of work in PSHCE based on resilience. Work will include short topics on Relationships, Responsibilities, Staying Safe, New Situations, Bullying, Supporting Others and Belonging. During this term, we will be learning about rituals as part of our RE lessons. Details about trips and other events will follow.

PE



This term our school based PE lesson will take place on a Friday and we will be going swimming on a Thursday afternoon, which is a change to previous years, children will be back at school in time to be picked up as normal. This year we will be going to Bishop Auckland for our swimming lessons, which is again different to previous years. A text message will be sent out during the first few weeks as a reminder of when these lessons will be taking place and the required kit that will be needed in school. **It is a legal requirement that every child must attend our swimming lessons. Children will only be excused from lessons if they have a doctor's note or the school has been informed. For these lessons your child will need to have:**

- **Swimming hat (these can be purchased for £1.50)**
- **Swimming costume or trunks**

- **Goggles**
- **Towel**

The main focus for our school based PE lesson will be invasion games, in particular Tag Rugby. Depending on the weather, our lessons may take place on the school yard or in the school hall. **It is therefore essential that your child has suitable trainers for every PE lesson. PE kits will be provided by the school.**

Homework

Your child will be given three pieces of homework each week (reading, spelling and an activity linked to learning multiplication tables). Spellings will be given out on a Friday in preparation for the following Friday when they will be tested. Please ensure your child practices their spellings at least 3 times a week and completes their spelling record each week. Reading books will be sent home with children daily. They should read at least 3 times a week and reading books should be brought to school every day with a comment in their reading diaries once they have read. Please make sure your child brings any completed homework to school in their homework bag. A times table activity will also be sent home every Friday to support your child with learning a specific times table which we will be focusing on in school. Please ensure these activities are returned to school the following Friday.

