



Welcome to Class 4's Autumn Newsletter

We hope that you have all had a lovely 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 Mrs Cooper, 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	
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Homework to be returned to school- P.E. suitable footwear needed for outdoor lessons
Wednesday	
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Homework set- Swimming - Hat, goggles swimsuit/trunks and towels needed in school.
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Spellings to be returned to school- New spellings go home

Literacy

We will begin this year by exploring the texts Nowhere Emporium and Billionaire Boy. These will inform the text types we are planning to cover this term. We will be writing stories, newspaper reports, diary entries and persuasive texts. Throughout the term, we will also continue to focus on developing the children's understanding of English grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Reading



Through the use of Accelerated Reader, we will be developing our understanding of texts we have read. In order to support your child's reading, they will be given the opportunity to bring a text home and, once it has been read, we will be completing a quiz based on their current understanding of the text. 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, percentages, time and statistics.

SATs

The Year 6 children will be completing their SATs in the week beginning 13th May 2019.

Other subjects

This term our class will be covering the Ancient Egyptians 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 an Egyptian Canopic Jar, and Art, where we will design a sarcophagus and create Egyptian Headdresses. In Computing, we will produce an animation and learn about keeping safe online. In Geography, we will be focusing on hills and mountains and developing our map skills. In Science, we will learn about different forces as well as evolution and inheritance. Our Spanish topic will be 'all about me'. We will also be looking at a topic based on new beginnings in our PSHCE lessons. During this term, we will be learning about Sikhism as part of our RE lessons. Details about trips and other events will follow.

PE



This term our PE lessons will take place on a Tuesday and we will be going swimming on a Thursday morning. As a result of the class size this year, the children will be split into two groups and will attend their lessons on alternating weeks. If your child is in Mr Vincent's group swimming lessons will start on Thursday 13th September. If you are in Mrs Cooper's group your first swimming lesson will be on the 20th September. A text message will be sent out during the first few weeks as a reminder. The main focus for our school based PE lesson will be invasion games, in particular netball. 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.**

It is a legal requirement that every child must attend our swimming lessons. For these lessons your child will need to have:

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

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

Homework

Your child will be given three pieces of homework each week (reading, spelling and topic based work). Spellings will be given out on a Friday in preparation for the following Friday when they will be tested. Topic based homework will be given out weekly on a Thursday and it needs to be returned to school by the following Tuesday. For our topic based work we will be sending a list of 16 pieces of homework home linked to our afternoon subjects, these will last through until Christmas. Children should only complete one piece of homework per week and it is entirely up to your child in which order they complete them. Reading books will be sent home with children daily. They should read at least 3 times a week and ensure that reading books are brought to school every day. Please make sure your child brings any completed homework to school in their homework bag. Failure to complete homework will result in children missing out on Golden Time and Golden Time clubs.

