



## Welcome to Class 4's Autumn Newsletter

We hope that you have all had a good holiday and are ready to start the new school year. We realise for some children it has been a long time since they have been in school, but we are all really looking forward to seeing all of the children again and we will be doing everything we possibly can to ensure they settle back into school life as quickly, and as happily, as possible. 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Homework set</li><li>- Reading books in school</li></ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reading books in school</li></ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reading books in school</li></ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reading books in school</li><li>- Forest Schools (old clothing to be brought in)</li></ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Spellings to be returned to school</li><li>- Spelling Test</li><li>- Homework to be returned to school</li><li>- P.E. suitable footwear needed for outdoor lessons</li><li>- Reading books in school</li></ul>

### Literacy

We will begin this year by exploring the text 'Oliver'. This 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.** In line with new policy and with current guidelines, children's reading books will **only be changed once a week** to minimise contact for children, staff and parents. Books that are returned to school will be placed in a specific box for 3 days until they are safe to be used again.

### 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. We are very conscious about the work that children have missed out on. We will be constantly revising and adapting our planning and lessons to ensure children can catch up as the year progresses while identifying any areas which need to be covered again.

### SATs

At the moment, the current Year 6 SATs are due to take place during the week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021. This information may change as the year goes on due to the ongoing uncertainty regarding the impact of Covid-19 on schools. Any changes that do occur, I will inform parents as soon as possible.

### 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. Our work in D&T will be focusing on Chinese Food and in Art we will be focusing on Painting and Drawing and Sketching. In Computing, we will be looking at Coding, Online Safety and creating Spreadsheets. Our Geography topics, will be focused 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 about Greetings, Numbers and Colours. We will also be looking at a topic based on new beginnings in our PSHCE lessons. During this term, we will be learning about Judaism and the importance of Moses as part of our RE lessons. Any potential trips that can be organised will be dependent on Covid-19 guidance and information will be given as and when they may happen.

### PE



This term both of our PE lessons will take place on a Friday. We will be looking at Netball and Dance. Please ensure your children bring suitable footwear (trainers) for outdoor lessons on your child's PE day (Friday for Class 4 Children). PE lessons will be carefully adapted to follow current

guidance on Covid-19, activities will be changed to minimise contact between children where possible. Children will be kept strictly in their class bubbles, classes will have designated timeslots, the only equipment that will be used during these lessons will be equipment that can be easily wiped and sanitised. All equipment will be sanitised after every lesson. Group sizes will be kept small, children will remain only working with the same partner or in the same group, and there will be limited sharing of equipment. A full outline of our school's current guidelines for PE lesson will be available on the school's website.

Currently there are no swimming lessons planned due to the current circumstances. As soon as this information changes I will be in touch regarding arrangements for swimming lessons whenever they commence again.

### Homework

Your child will be given three pieces of homework each week (reading, spelling and a numeracy task or times table work). All homework will be given out on a Monday and it should be returned by the following Friday at the latest. Children will be tested on their spellings every Friday. 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.

