



Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you have all had a lovely summer and that your children are looking forward to the year ahead. We are certainly looking forward to seeing them all and beginning the new year now that they are in Year 4!

Below are a few details of what is new for Year 4 and some reminders which may be helpful.

Autumn Term Curriculum

Our topic work this term includes a geography focus involving the comparison of London as a city with a nearby village setting called Downe. The children will be given the opportunity to visit and carry out fieldwork to support their learning. Following this, the history of villages and other settlements in the UK will be explored in our Raiders and Invaders topic. We will look at how the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings impacted life in Britain and explore the evidence left behind.

In English this term, our class text is 'How To Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell and we will use this as a stimulus for writing. In response to this they write diary entries, instructions, descriptions and stories which include writing dialogue. We also study a range of Myths including Norse Myths and then use what we have learned to write some. In our non-fiction work, we will write a range of information texts such as leaflets, newspaper articles, and non-chronological reports.

In Maths this term our work will include rounding, ordering and comparing numbers to 10,000. We then move on to addition and subtraction, using the column method to solve problems. The number work continues into a unit on multiplication and division which focuses on 6, 7 and 9 times table multiplication and division facts to build on the times tables work from Year 3.

In Science we will look at electricity and how it works. The children create their own circuits and use this knowledge to carry out investigations to predict which circuits will be complete and incomplete. They also determine whether a piece of equipment is a conductor or insulator.

PE and Dance

PE is on Thursdays. Please encourage your child to wear suitable footwear and to remember their green PE T-shirt. On Wednesdays, they will have a dance session and will also need comfortable clothes and their green T-shirt. We will give your child the opportunity to change into their T-shirts if they bring them to school in their bag.

Reading

Your child will be given time to choose books from the class library selection daily. They will be encouraged to take their chosen book back and forth between school and home to ensure they complete their chosen book. They will also be given a 'Reading Journal' that they can use to write about their reading experiences. We will respond to them and add comments when they return them to school. We will be giving the children ideas about how to use these journals and they will begin using them at the end of this week. This is for the children to engage in a dialogue with us and to keep a record of their own reading.

Home Learning

While daily reading continues to be the main home learning activity, we do set home learning tasks each week now that your child is in Year 4. This is an opportunity to prepare your child for the demands of home learning in Year 6 and beyond. Each Friday, starting in week 2 of this term, we will put an English and a Maths task on Google Classroom with the expectation that the tasks will be completed by the following Friday morning. We will show the children how this will work and give them the chance to use Google classroom in school to complete tasks this week.

Please look out for the details of our learning in school and other messages in our weekly newsletter from next week. If you have any concerns, questions or want to get in touch with us please use our emails sbutcher@wtwschool.co.uk and cthompson@wtwschool.co.uk. Alternatively, do not hesitate to speak to any one of us at the end of the school day.

Very best wishes,

Sue, Catherine, Alexa and Khadra