

Year 4 Newsletter October 2021

Welcome to the first Year 4 newsletter of the year. It has been so lovely to have had a full half-term back in school and to actually have the opportunity to write to you and celebrate what Year 4 have achieved so far.

Throughout the course of the year, you will be receiving half termly newsletters from the Year 4 team keeping you updated on all the exciting things we are currently learning about, as well as informing you about any important up and coming events or dates.

It has been a great start to the term for our Year 4 children! They have settled in well to a new group and class, getting to know even more of their peers and forming new friendships. We have been really impressed with the positive work ethic the children have shown since returning to school in September.

We are looking forward to a really successful year, full of exciting opportunities and, with your support at home, enabling your child to achieve their potential.

Miss Freed

Homework & Seesaw

All the children are now completing their homework on Seesaw, My Maths and Times Table Rockstars. Please remember that our expectations are

- English writing – 15 minutes per week
- My Maths – 15 minutes per week
- Times Table Rockstars 10 minutes practice per week
- Lexia- 10 minutes
- Spelling practice – Weekly spelling list on Seesaw.

We don't want homework to be onerous on the children or your family. Please let us know if there are any issues. If you have any queries about homework, please email your class teacher.



Autumn assessments

In November, our whole school will be taking part in assessments for reading, SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and maths using NTS formal assessments. Teachers will also be assessing writing using the independent writing activities the children have already completed over the previous half term. As a school we use this information, along with in class teacher judgements, to map out our future planning, intervention groups and highlight any gaps in knowledge which may need to be taught again.

Teachers and senior leadership (which includes Ms Ash, our Inclusion AHT) meet to discuss all children within our termly 'Pupil Progress Meetings'.

We will let you know how your child has performed through our parents' evening session, and also through our 'Snapshot reports' which will be sent directly to you as parents on Friday 19th November.

Book bands will also change if appropriate, based on these assessments.

Communication.

If you would like to contact your child's class teacher, please e-mail:

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Parents evening Autumn 2021

In the week beginning, 22nd November each class teacher will be hosting a parent consultation online using an online conferencing platform. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's academic progress so far. Further information regarding this will be sent out nearer the time

Roman Day

The Year 4 team are busy making plans for our Roman Day to celebrate the work from our Autumn topics. Roman Day will be on Wednesday 8th December.

Information has already been sent about this day, but we will send a reminder nearer the time of what the children need.

WOW Work!

Every year group newsletter this year, will include a piece of writing published from a child in our year group. It is a great way to showcase what we have been doing in school but also allow the children to see that their writing can have an audience.

Our first piece of writing is written by: Zaara in Palm class. Zaara has demonstrated great use of vocabulary. She has also shown a strong good understanding within our editing expectation: identifying lenses, objectives and making corrections where needed. Well done Zaara for showing excellent presentation and understanding.

I found myself walking through the dark black
of the Sharpe's storm. Then, I saw All of a sudden
I noticed my dad sat there under the glowing
of the flickering light "Dad lets get out of
here this place". The next day I woke up
I felt different I looked down at my hands
and they looked wired. I was joyfull Nat

Year 4 Topics

Year 4 have had great fun this half term learning about sound in Science. The children were able to take part in range of practical lessons to enthuse their learning. One of the most popular lessons was learning about sound vibrations using water and a tuning fork.

In Year 4, it is a great opportunity for every child to have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and we are pleased that, this year, we are able to have clarinet lessons again. The children can now piece together their clarinet and have begun to learn how to play two notes. We look forward to observing more lessons and recording pieces of music for you to hear at home.

We are particularly impressed with the quality of the children's writing. They are becoming increasingly confident in using a wide range of vocabulary and using thesauruses to increase independence. We have written three detailed pieces this half term which are around key texts and a short film: The Lost Thing, Pinocchio and Aladdin.

During next half-term, we will be starting our 'Who were the Romans?' topic. This will mainly be our history topic, however we will also be learning about Roman numerals in maths and also writing a holiday brochure in English and Computing.

In maths we will also be learning methods of multiplication and division. It is important that each child in Year 4 is working hard to learn all of their times tables up to 12x12, ready for a timed times table assessment required by the DfE in June.

Please remember that Monday skills sessions are changing after half term. Pine will now be cooking or going to forest school. Acer will start swimming and Palm will be in PE with Mr Coles.

If you wish to know more detail about what your child is learning, please refer to the 'topic web' and 'knowledge organisers' in the Year 4 area of the school website.

We look forward to seeing you soon at parent consultations.

The Year 4 Team

Diary Dates

October	Half term: Friday 22 nd October- Friday 29 th October PTA Fireworks Friday 22 nd October
November	Back to school: Monday 1 st November Flu vaccinations Thursday 11 th November PTA discos Friday 12 th November Snapshot reports Friday 19 th November Parents' Evening - W/C 22 nd November
December	PTA Christmas Fair Saturday 4 th December Roman Day Wednesday 8 th December Christmas Pause Day Tuesday 14 th December Christmas Nativity performance Thursday 16 th December End of term: Friday 17 th December (Early finish)
January	Back to school: Tuesday 4 th January