

Year 4 Newsletter December

Welcome to our second newsletter of the academic year.

We have had another busy half term in Year 4 this half term. The children have continued to work hard in an array of areas and are continuing to present a range of detail within their writing. The children have been learning how to multiply and divide in maths and have been using a variety of journaling techniques to help them make the most efficient choices with methods.

We are sorry to see Mrs Deacon leave us this half term. We now welcome Mrs Gunning into Acer Class who will be working Mrs Jones for the remainder of the year. Palm Class will be welcoming Miss Cowley - she is in her second year of teacher training and will be in the school for the spring term.

On behalf of the Year 4 team we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming your child/ren back to school in 2023.

Miss Freed

Homework

All the children are now completing their weekly homework. Please remember that our expectations are

- CGP Maths book
- Times Table Rockstars: 10 minutes practice per week
- Spelling practice: Weekly spelling list in their HSO
- SPAG.COM
- Reading 5/7 days to be recorded in their HSO

We ask that you sign your child's HSO each week. If you have any queries about homework, please email your class teacher.

Times Tables

By the end of Year 4 all children should know their times tables up to 12x12.

From Monday 5th June 2023, all Year 4 children will have to sit a timed assessment on an IPAD/Desktop. This test is formed of 25 questions with a time limit of 6 seconds in-between each question.

Please encourage your child/ren to practice their times tables as much as they can to support them with this.

On Times Table Rockstars any practice is good, however, the Soundcheck setting is set up for the 6 second limit which helps children familiarise themselves with the timing.



Communication.

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

Palm- Miss Freed n.freed@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Pine- Miss Lines j.lines@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Acer- Mrs Gunning and Mrs Jones- h.jones@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Spring 2023 Skills

During the Spring Term the Friday afternoon skills sessions are as follows:

Acer: Art/DT (Design and Technology)

Palm: Forest School and DT

Pine: Swimming and Art



Bikeability



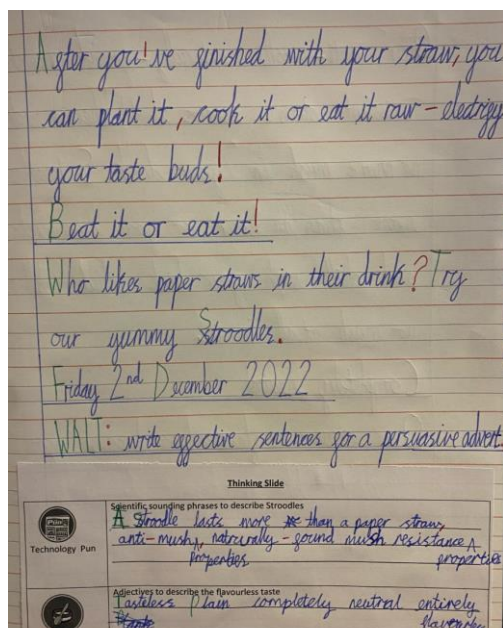
You will have the opportunity to sign your children up to the Level 1 Bikeability course which is held in schools during the mornings of 8th-10th February 2023.

Sign up information has been sent out via Scopay earlier this week.

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.

This half term's focus has been to write a persuasive advert to encourage people to use pasta straws instead of plastic when we have been learning about the affect of pollution on our environment. This piece of writing has been written by Maja in Pine Class. Maja is showing neat, joined handwriting, range of punctuation and showing throughout our expectation of using green capital letters and red punctuation. Well Done Maja- keep up the great work!



Diary Dates

January	INSET – Tuesday 3 rd January Term Starts: Wednesday 4 th January Storytelling Week: Starting Monday 30 th January Multiplication Times Table check practice: Monday 16 th January- 3 rd February Acer Class Assembly: Friday 27 th January
February	Mental Health Week – Starting Monday 6 th February Bikeability- Wednesday 8 th -Friday 10 th February Half Term - 13 th -17 th February INSET - Monday 20 th February
March	Book Day – Thursday 2 nd March Wisley Gardens Trip – Wednesday 15 th March End of Term – Friday 31 st March