

# Year 4 Newsletter



## Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to you all! We hope you had a great summer holiday and look forward to hearing all your news as we start back to school. We have been really excited about our new term and have put together our termly newsletter to give you an idea of the work we will be doing.



Firstly, a reminder about the year 4 team.

**Mrs O'Connor** will teach the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and then **Mrs Gent** will teach on Thursday and Friday. We will also be supported by other members of staff, including teaching assistants and other specialist teachers, throughout the week. These may change as the needs and circumstances of the class alter.

## Reading, spelling and homework

Children will read daily in school. This may be independently, in small groups or during whole class reading. It's really important that you continue to read with your child at home and that they record what has been read in their diary. **Parents**, we would be grateful if you could make a comment in their diary at least once a week, letting us know if there are any special highlights or if you have any concerns. **Children**, please make sure you bring your diary to school every day so that we can regularly check your progress.



**Homework** will be set on Fridays and should be handed in by the following Thursday. We will outline each task on Google classrooms, generally alternating between maths and English each week. Please let us know if your child has any difficulties by popping a note on their homework or sending us a message. **Spelling** We will have a weekly spelling test on a Wednesday. Each week, we will focus on a new spelling pattern, theme or selection of words from the year 3 and 4 statutory word list. The children will be tested on Wednesdays and given a new set of words to learn for the coming week. Please support your child learning these words at home. **Times tables** tests will take place on THURSDAYS, more details of this will follow as we return to school.

## PE

PE this term will continue to take place on Tuesdays and Fridays. Tuesdays will be an indoor PE session, Fridays will be outdoors. Please make sure you have your indoor PE kit in school by the end of the first week and remember to come to school in your outdoor PE kit on a Friday.

Below is an outline of our curriculum this term. Please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. You can catch us after school or send us an email [year4@mickletrafford.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:year4@mickletrafford.cheshire.sch.uk) For urgent enquiries, please contact [admin@mickletrafford.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@mickletrafford.cheshire.sch.uk) or telephone school.

Mrs Gent and Mrs O'Connor

## Year 4 Curriculum - Autumn Term 2023

Literacy	Maths	Science
<p>This half term's literacy work will initially be from a brilliant picture book called "Gorilla." This is a beautifully illustrated book that will take the children on an adventure. Through this text, we will recap many of the year 3 literacy objectives such as paragraphing, use of conjunctions, prepositions and punctuation, as well as introducing many new skills to move our writing forward.</p> <p>Following this, we will base our work around another beautiful book called Leon and the Place Between. This is a magical story of a young boy, who, when assisting a magician at a circus, gets whisked away on an adventure.</p>	<p>This term, we will begin our maths work with place value, looking at the value of digits, rounding and adding 10, 100 and 1000. We will then move on to addition and subtraction before half term.</p> <p>Times tables will be a huge focus this year. The expectation is that year 4 children should know all of their times tables facts by the end of the year. In June 2024, we will be taking part in the national 'Multiplication Tables Check' (MTC) so it is really important that we start preparing for this early!</p> <p>Have a look at the games and activities on <a href="https://www.timestables.co.uk/">https://www.timestables.co.uk/</a> to get you started.</p>	<p>We have lots of science to cover this year and during the first term, we will be completing a chemistry unit called 'States of Matter'. We will have lots of opportunities for practical activities and in working scientifically.</p> <p>Some of the areas we will cover are solids, liquids and gases, viscosity of liquids and changes in state through the water cycle.</p>
Humanities & DT	Year 4 Autumn Term	
<p>Our topic this term is Anglo Saxons and Vikings. We will look at where this time period fits into history and find out about key events. We will discover the jobs Vikings did and compare rich and poor people. We will look at clothes they wore, linking this to our DT by designing and creating a Viking purse.</p>	<p>Art</p> <p>This term our artwork will mostly focus on drawing skills. Linking to our humanities work, we will explore how to develop tone through grades of pencil, graphite and charcoal, teaching the skill of light and dark. We will also look at artefacts discovered that show us about Anglo Saxon and Viking life and use observational drawing skills.</p>	
RE	PE	Computing
<p>Our first RE unit this year is about Judaism. During this, we will learn how Jews worship at home and in the synagogue and about different events and festivals they celebrate.</p>	<p>PE will take place twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays. This half term, we will be having an outdoor session focusing on hockey and also an indoor unit called health related fitness.</p>	<p>During the Autumn term, our work will focus on The Internet. We will learn about networks and how information is shared. We will also explore web pages and learn who owns information, recognising that some websites are more trustworthy than others.</p>