

Y4 Autumn Newsletter



Welcome

We hope you all had a fantastic summer break. We're excited to welcome your children back for their second year at Dobcroft Junior School. This term, we have an engaging lineup of topics, including an introduction to Europe, sculpting with clay, studying changes of state and preparing for the Y4 Christmas performance!

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to reach out to us.

This year, we are having a whole school focus on manners. We want all children to remember that **polite is powerful**. Each week, we will have a different oracy focus that we share with the children and actions they can take to earn dojos around school

Warm regards, The Y4 Team

Y4 Key Staff

Class	Teacher/s	Teaching assistants
Y4HF	Mr Harrison (Mon/Tues) Miss Fee (Weds/Thurs/Fri)	Mrs Scriven, Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Stringfellow
Y4TH	Mr Huckstepp	Miss Jabbar Mrs Snell
Y4WL	Mrs Waggott (Mon/Tues) Mrs Lowe (Weds/Thurs/Fri)	Miss Sorefan Miss McLelland

Autumn Curriculum

Below is an outline of the topics Year 4 will be covering over the term. For further details, please visit our website under the 'our learning' section. **The 'Key learning' documents are great for a snapshot of the most important facts and understanding.**

Autumn 1	
English	Shackleton's Journey – Newspaper reports The Matchbox Diary - Biography
Whole Class Reading	The Great Food Bank Heist
Maths	Addition & subtraction Numbers to 10,000
Multiplication facts & Maths Moments	3 timestable and Roman Numerals, Months/Weeks/Days
Science	States of Matter
Geography	An Introduction to Europe
Art	Sculpture – clay
Computing	Communicating text and images
PE	Gymnastics Travel Games Football Y4WL Swimming
Personal Development	Keeping friendships healthy
Music	Rhythms, structure and dynamics
RE	Hinduism
French	Body Parts

Autumn 2	
English	The Crown – Information text The Selfish Giant - narrative
Whole Class Reading	Poetry Non-fiction
Maths	Numbers to 10,000 Perimeter
Multiplication facts & Maths Moments	6 timestable and change/finding the difference
Science	Sound
History	Romans
DT	Cooking and nutrition
Computing	Communicating media
PE	Gymnastics Travel Games Football Y4H swimming from 9/11
Personal Development	Are we happy all the time?
Music	Rhythms, structure and dynamics
RE	How and why do people mark the significant events of life?
French	Body Parts

Y4 Key dates (please also see our calendar on the website)

Date	Event
22 nd September	Y4TH Work showcase open morning
23 rd September	Y4HF Work showcase open morning
24 th September	Y4WL Work showcase open morning
1 st October	School photos
20 th and 21 st October	Parents' evenings
8 th and 9 th Dec	Y4 Christmas Performance 6:00pm
9 th Dec	Y4 Christmas Performance 1:45pm
TBC	Magna Visit

Home Learning

The details for the home learning each week will be published on the class story of [ClassDojo](#). Each week, children will be set a spelling task plus English or Maths work from their CPG books. Year 4 homework should take no longer than 40 minutes a week (including practising spellings). We also ask that children read at home at least three times a week. There is a new Reading Calendar for you to fill in when they have read. This should be brought into school every Monday.

Spellings – every half term a spelling overview will be put onto ClassDojo class story. Every week your child will have up to ten spellings to learn that follow a certain spelling rule.

PPA

This year, the teaching team will have their planning, preparation and assessment time on alternative **Monday and Wednesday afternoons**.

During this time, your child will be taught P.E. Music or R.E from our PPA teachers.

Mr Ross – P.E.

Mrs Dawson – Music

Miss Cooper– R.E

P.E

Class	Day
Y4H	Fridays Alternate Mondays and Wednesdays
Y4TH	Mondays Alternate Mondays and Wednesdays
Y4WL	Mondays (Swimming) Alternate Mondays and Wednesdays

Christmas Production

Each year, Y4 perform a Christmas production. Nearer the time, we will be sending a letter home about the costume that your child will need. Please don't feel the need to spend lots of money- items from around the house will be ideal.

Your support and help

We love parent / carer helpers – when we need you for specific activities, we always update ClassDojo. In the meantime, if you are able to offer any of your time, for example to hear readers, then we would love to hear from you.

Thank you
The Y4 Team