



Welcome to Year 4

Information for children and parents

Autumn Term

Welcome back, I hope you had a relaxing summer break.

If you have any queries or concerns, big or small, please send me a message on dojo and I can make you an appointment to come in and see me, if needed. You can also leave a message at the school office if you would like me to ring you back.

We will use Class Dojo to share our success and things we are doing in the classroom. I will also share information on our class story. As the term progresses, I will share children's work when they are particularly proud of it with parents on the messages. School communications will be on the school website and also Class Dojo. Please check these regularly for information. Most letters will not be sent home on paper.

What will we be learning this term?

English - All children will take part in a Reading Skills lesson 3 days per week. We will focus on particular reading comprehension strands (VIPERS) and we will be reading a new age appropriate text each week – the children will bring this home on a Friday to become familiar with the text before we use it to teach from the following week. Children will also take part in 5 English lessons which will focus on writing skills and the spelling, grammar and punctuation aspect of the curriculum.

Maths – In Maths, the children will be developing their understanding of number, place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We follow the White Rose Maths scheme of a mastery approach which focuses on developing fluency through a range of reasoning and problem solving tasks.

Our **Learning Challenge Curriculum** questions will be:

Autumn 1 "Who let the Gods out?" We will be using **historical** skills to find out all life in Ancient Greece.

Autumn 2 "Why does the see-saw go up and down?" We will be using **scientific** skills to find out about forces.

"Why is Mickey Mouse so important?" with Miss Taylor. We will be using our **historical** skills to learn about modern history and animation.

There will be a half termly homework project alongside their learning challenge. If you need any resources or help with this, please just ask!

In **PSHE**, we will focus on relationships, with a specific focus friends and family, safe relationships and respecting those around us. **RE** will focus on the journey through life and the different milestones that people deem significant depending on their religion. We will be having lessons with Stockport Music Service for **Music** and all children will continue to have the opportunity to learn to play an instrument.

PE

PE will be on a **Monday** and a **Thursday**. We will be doing both gymnastics and dance on a Thursday. The class will have a Games lesson the Stockport County Sports Coach on Monday afternoons. We will provide the children with PE kits; trainers/pumps need to be brought in from home.

If you would like your child to have their own kit, they will need a plain white t-shirt, navy/black shorts, plain navy/black tracksuit trousers and a sweatshirt may be worn. As we enter the winter months, please ensure your child has warm clothing suitable for outdoor conditions. All clothes need to be named and kept in a named PE bag. Children must have their games kit every week; it is a requirement of the National Curriculum that they have a games lesson and it is important for their own health and development that they participate in sporting activities.

Please ensure that ALL EARRINGS have been removed on PE days, if children cannot remove their own earrings then please do this at home, we are unable to help them in school.

Reading books

It is really important that children are reading from a variety of sources this year as well as continuing to read regularly out loud with an adult at home. The children will have reading skills lessons, 3 days a week. They will also have a reading book that is suitable for their reading level and understanding to read at home. They can also read their own books and they will be borrowing books from the school library. Websites such as BBC Newsround are also useful to help children to read about and start to understand the world around them. Children will earn dojos for reading at home and remembering their reading book. Your child will read to an adult at least **once** a week, so it is important they have their books EVERYDAY.

Times Tables

In addition to reading at home, it is important for children to practise their times tables. A statutory multiplication check takes place towards the end of the year for every child in Year 4, so it is imperative that they practice.

They are lucky to be able to access a great game called Times Tables Rock Stars in which they can climb leader boards. The children have a log-in to access this on an app on a tablet or smartphone or online. Please ask if you need more information. A couple of games a night for 5 minutes will help them improve and retain the knowledge.

Many thanks for all your support,

Beth Brownrigg (Class Teacher)

