



Welcome to Year 4

Information for children and parents

Spring Term

I hope you had a relaxing Christmas break.

Please continue to message me on dojo if you have any concerns or queries, and check the class story for any important information that is posted.

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 aim to be reading a new, age appropriate text every two weeks. Children in will also take part in English lessons which follows our new process 'The Write Stuff'.

Maths – In Maths, the children will continue to develop their understanding of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), as well as measurement, fractions and decimals. 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** question will be:

"What makes the Earth angry?"

In Spring 1, we will be using **geographical** skills to learn all about natural disasters.

"Which came first, the chicken or the egg"

In Spring 2, we will be using **scientific** skills to find out all about living things and their habitats.

With our HLTA, the children will be focusing on the question "Can you make a case?" They will be using their **design and technology** skills to learn about sewing.

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 living in the wider world, money, digital responsibility and community. **RE** will focus on why some people think Jesus is inspiring. We will continue to have lessons with Stockport Music Service for **Music** and all children will continue to have the opportunity to learn to play an instrument in our wonderful orchestra.

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. Please ensure your child has warm clothing suitable for outdoor conditions in case of days with colder weather. 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)

