

Hockney Class Autumn Newsletter.



Welcome back!! I hope you've all had a fabulous summer and are ready to begin another busy year at school. I'm really excited about starting my 16th year of teaching here at Oxenhope and am thrilled to have the privilege of having your child in my class. I'm also looking forward to getting to know you better too. If you ever have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to speak to me in the playground or make an appointment to see me.



SNACK.

Children are permitted to bring a healthy snack to eat at morning break. This could be a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, cheese, yoghurt tube or healthy snack bar. Please remember we are a nut free school. Your child may also bring a water bottle from home. This should be filled each morning at home and taken home each night to be washed and refilled. We do have water coolers in school should your child need to refill their bottle over the course of the day.



Homework.

Homework will begin in week 3. Mrs Jones will send you our new policy before then so you know what to expect for your child with regards to homework in year 4. I will send a further letter confirming what the homework expectations are. This will include all aspects of work at home including spelling, reading, times tables so don't worry if you don't get a reading book or list of spellings for the first couple of weeks. We want to ensure you're fully informed before we begin.



Fridays!

Friday is a busy day in Year 4. This is the day the children will have PE, visit the library, have their learn its test and hand their homework in. I will return their homework books to them and assign the next week's mathematics task each Friday too.



Things from home.

Your child is encouraged to bring a book in from home which they are reading if they wish. They may also bring something which relates to the topic we're studying. If you've visited somewhere or they've achieved something special (brownie badge, sports medal etc.) they may also bring this in to show although I cannot guarantee we will always be able to share this on the first day they bring it. Apart from their pencil case, any other things from home should remain at home. Please do not allow your child to bring toys, teddies, notebooks, keyrings, cards etc. to school. A huge amount of learning time can be lost sorting out issues arising from children swapping, losing or breaking things brought in from home. Your support with this will be very much appreciated.



Uniform and attendance.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform each day including plain black shoes, white, grey, black or red socks or tights and plain, simple bobbles, clips and headbands.

Our timetable this year is extremely full and learning will be moving quickly. Barring them being poorly, your child's attendance and punctuality are vitally important. Our doors open at 8:50 and children begin their organisation and learning for the day straight away.



Visits and visitors. Our main visit in Year 4 is our residential to Ingleborough. More details will follow in due course but it's not until June so we've got plenty of time. I have also booked 'Moving Words' who we have used in school before, for Jan 13th to launch our History topic in a lively and interactive way. There will certainly be other activities happening within school for the children over the year but these will be the main payable ones.

