

Year 4 Autumn 2 newsletter



Welcome to a new half term!! Firstly, I'd like to say a huge thank you for your support and engagement with school so far this year. It's been super to be able to welcome you back in to the building and I know the children have enjoyed this too. Moving class is always a big thing for children but they have been amazing and have come back with a smile on their face and a spring in their step ready and raring to go. They make every day a delight.

This half term, I will continue to use Dojo as my route of communication with you. Please ensure you check Dojo regularly so you don't miss any messages or important information. As well as submitting your child's homework on Dojo, you can also use the private messaging function to contact me directly with any questions or queries you may have. If your message is urgent and has an immediate impact on your child's day, please speak to whoever is on the door and they will pass a message to me. Parents' evening will take place this half term so we will have the opportunity to discuss your child in more detail then too.

SNACK.



Children are permitted and indeed encouraged 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. Your child also needs a water bottle in school. This should be filled (**with water, not juice**) at home then taken home each night, washed and re-filled for the following morning.



OUTDOOR LEARNING

Our outdoor learning session is on Monday. Unless the weather is dangerous, we will go out! Your child **must** have a change of footwear for this lesson. They may also bring over trousers or a 'throw over' type 'cag-in-a-bag' if it's particularly wet. Hats, scarves and gloves may become necessary as the weather changes too.



CURRICULUM

This half term, your child will continue to be taught a broad curriculum. They will study Maths and English daily and will also be taught Science, History, Geography, Spanish, Music, RE, Art, DT and PSHE throughout the week and half term. Our Maths themes this half term are 'Length and Perimeter' followed by 'Multiplication and Division.' In English, we will start a new 7 week unit based around a visual text. The children will study teeth and the digestive system in their Science lessons. Our main theme heading for this half term is 'Christmas Love.' Our visual text for English links with this. I'm not going to disclose what this is just yet as we're doing lots of prediction work this week. Once your child knows, they will be able to share this with you and you can watch it and discuss it further at home if you wish.



HOMWORK

There is nothing new happening this half term regarding homework. As reminders, your child needs to be completing at least one piece of homework each week. This can be from the sheet attached here or another idea of their own. Homework needs to be submitted via Dojo by Thursday morning of each week at the latest. In addition to this, they need to be working on the spelling patterns and rules for the week, reading regularly and working on their times tables. TTRock stars is one of the best tools to support with practise of these number facts. I'm not advocating hours on an ipad but a little and often approach will really help your child learn their times table facts and TTRock stars supports them with their stamina and speed.



PE Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. Your child should wear their PE kit to come to school. This half term, we're studying gymnastics on Tuesdays and will be working inside. Thursday lessons will be focussed around improving our general fitness and stamina. PE kit is either plain black shorts or skorts and a plain white T-shirt, a plain black tracksuit or black leggings and a plain sweatshirt. Trainers may also be worn on PE day and children who have a school hoodie, may wear it on PE days.



UNIFORM REMINDERS

Our school colours are red, grey and white. With the exception of plain black school shoes, these are the only colours permitted on non-PE days. Our PE colour is black. All clothes worn for school should be plain or have the school logo on them. Particularly on PE days, we are starting to see a variety of colours being worn as well as logoed or emblazoned attire. Please speak to me if you are still unsure what your child can wear. Children with longer hair should wear it tied back and hair accessories should be simple and plain in design. Earrings are permitted but should be a small, plain stud. Watches are also permitted but should be primarily used to tell the time. Watches capable of taking photographs are strictly prohibited for safeguarding reasons.

KEY DATES

1st Nov - Black History Day in school.
2nd Nov - Visiting theatre company Pantomime!
8th Nov - Road safety day.
9th Nov - Flu spray.
10th Nov - Dyslexia day.
11th Nov - Remembrance day.
15th Nov - Anti-bullying week. Assessment week
19th Nov - Children in Need.
23rd and 24th Nov - Parents' evenings.
1st Dec - Grandparents' coffee afternoon for Year 4. 1:30—3pm.
2nd Dec - Mental Health awareness day.
17th Dec - Break up.



These are the key dates as I have them at the moment. As with all things such as this, these are subject to change but my hope is that this will give you some idea of what is happening in school this half term. I'm sure there will be other events such as parties, concerts and Christmas dinner which you will hear about soon. If there is anything else you need to know for an event, you will be informed in due course.

Homework ideas.

- ⇒ Create your family tree.
- ⇒ Read your reading book to an older relative
- ⇒ Choose a film to watch as a family.
- ⇒ Share memories from the past with an older relative.
- ⇒ Look at old photographs with an older relative and talk with them about what they used to do.
- ⇒ Make a project about an older relative's life and share it with the class.
- ⇒ Make your own Christmas cards to give to people in your community.
- ⇒ Write a poem about the importance of love at Christmas.
- ⇒ Dress up as a child from your older relative's generation and take a photograph.
- ⇒ Play a game from your older relative's youth.
- ⇒ Create a presentation about Age UK and how they help the elderly.
- ⇒ Raise some money for a charity who help the elderly.

You may wish to spend more than one week on some of these ideas. This is fine. Just send me what you've done each week.

Have fun and I can't wait to see your homework.