



Year 4

Newsletter to Parents

Autumn Term 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back - we hope that you have had a lovely summer, and like us you are looking forward to the school year ahead. This term our topic will be Wonderful Water.

This topic will encompass many aspects of the curriculum with a particular focus on *Geography* and *Science*. We will be learning about how rivers are formed, the journey of a river and the impact that rivers have on the human and physical world. The children will learn about the *Water Cycle* and how water changes occur within the environment. Art lessons will include how artists represent water, experimenting with painting colour and texture, and collage. D and T projects will investigate how water can be used as a source of power.

English

Throughout the term we will be using a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, focusing on creating detailed descriptions of story settings, newspaper reports, non-chronological reports and riddles based on our topic learning. Spelling patterns, punctuation, grammar and handwriting using the continuous cursive style will be practised on a weekly basis.

Maths

We will be building on the children's previous learning in mathematics and increasing their fluency in all aspects, ensuring that they can read and write numbers to and beyond a thousand in addition to numbers to two decimal places. They will be expected to know all of their times tables to twelve by the end of Year Four, please practise these at home regularly.

Reading

Each term, Year 4 will be reading a quality novel that will move on their learning. Children are expected to read aloud to an adult regularly at home, preferably at least three times a week. Asking your children questions about the text will help them to develop their retrieval and deduction skills.

Spelling Tests

Children will NOT regularly be given lists of words to learn. They will instead be investigating and learning spelling rules. For example, they might be collecting "except after C" words. Their knowledge will be tested in a variety of ways such as dictation, whiteboard activities and interactive games.

Year 4 reminders:

1. Children will need PE kits on Mondays (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor). Please ensure that your child's PE kit is clearly labelled.
2. Please ensure your child has a named bottle of water in school every day.
3. Home learning is set on a Friday and due in on the following Wednesday. The expectation of home learning is that the children will spend 30 minutes on the task.
4. Reading books need to be in school every day.

Should you have any queries at all please feel free to speak to us. Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Carrett and Miss Cooper

