

Class 4 Parent Information - Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 4! I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday. I'm so pleased to be back in Year 4 and ready to get going and have a great year! Please find below some important dates and reminders for the upcoming half term. As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office. Mrs Blakey 😊

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 3rd September - Children return to school

Tuesday 30th September – Individual school photos

Monday 20th October- Trip to Sunderland Glass museum

Thursday 23rd October – Flu immunisations

Spellings

Although we do practise our weekly spelling rules in class, it is also expected that the children will spend time learning these at home, as part of their weekly homework. Paper copies of the spellings for this term will be given to the children and will also be sent via email.

Spelling tests take place each Friday, but children will also be expected to know the meanings of these words, say them in a sentence and spell them correctly in written sentences.

Reading Books

Children are expected to read at least three times per week and record this in their reading records. Reading can be recorded in reading records by the children themselves or by anyone who reads with them e.g. parents, grandparents, older siblings etc. If children are writing in reading records themselves, parents should sign them at least once a week. Reading records should be returned to school every Friday, along with any reading books the children have finished reading and need to exchange for new ones. Raffle tickets are given out as rewards for reading at least 3 times every week. The children are then entered into a prize draw to win a book.

Our Learning

This half term, we will be learning about:

Science – Teeth and the digestive system

History – The Rhine and the Mediterranean

Geography – Roman Republic

Computing – Computing systems and networks: The Internet

Art – Storytelling through drawing

RE – Domestic Church (Families)

French - Basic greetings and numbers

Library books

Children in Class 4 will visit the library on a Thursday this half term and will have the opportunity to select new library books during this session. The children can only select a new library book once their previous book has been returned, therefore they should ensure they bring any completed library books in to school each Thursday.

PE

Year 4 PE days will be on Wednesday and Friday this half term.

Please ensure your child comes to school in their full school PE kit on these days.

Homework

In Year 4, children start to bring home weekly homework. This will be given out each Friday and be due in the following Friday. In class, we record the pages to be completed and the due date in the front of the homework books. The children can then return their homework as soon as it is completed, but no later than the due date. Children should complete their homework independently, but it would be very helpful if parents could check the work completed with the children and support them where needed.

Reminders

Please ensure children bring a refillable water bottle to school each day, as well as a coat.

Children should not bring any pencil cases or other items to school as these will not be needed. All equipment will be provided for them.