

Class 4 Parent Information - Autumn 2

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term. 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

Tuesday 18th November – Japanese Workshop (in school)
Wednesday 3rd/Thursday 4th December – Parents' Evening
Monday 8th December – Y4 Stay and Learn, 2pm (Kites)
Wednesday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 10th December – Year 4 Mass (school chapel, 9.10am)
Friday 12th December – Panto (Durham Gala Theatre)
Monday 15th December – KS2 Carol Services (church)

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 – The digestive system and food chains

History – The Roman Empire

Geography – Population

Computing – Creating Media (Audio production)

DT – Strengthening Structures (Kites)

RE – Sacramental Preparation (Reconciliation) and Advent/Christmas

French – Saying what I and others have

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 continue to be on Wednesday and Friday this half term. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full school PE kit on these days. Wheelchair basketball is now finished so children do not need to wear PE kit on a Thursday.

Homework

The children are doing really well with their homework. We will continue with the Maths homework books this half term, before moving on to Reading homework books after Christmas. Just a reminder that 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.

Please ensure all clothing is named. We have a lot of items left in our cloakroom and it makes it much easier to reunite items with children when their names are inside.