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Class 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that you all enjoyed the Summer break, and have managed to enjoy the sunshine. I am really looking forward to teaching your children this year. The year Class 4 will be supported by Miss Rennie, Miss Tilley, Mrs Rossenrode and Mrs Thomas, who will be working with groups, individuals and supporting interventions in accordance with children's needs and requirements. The children have made a great start.

Just a reminder, that the children go straight into class and registration is at 8.55am. Please ensure your child is here by this time. Please pull in to the Drop-off zone area between 8.35am and 8.55am. Staff will meet and greet you. If you are in a parking bay, please wait for a member of staff to collect your child to cross the car park. Pick up at 3.15pm remains the same. We have changed our pick up arrangements for after school club pick up. Please park in a parking bay at the end of club and collect your child from the hall. "Fetch Me Friday" continues this term.

Timetable- All the children will have a copy of our lesson timetable for this half term.

Games/P.E- We will investigate the possibility of swimming for Years 5 and 6 at some point in the Summer Term. We will keep you informed. P.E and Games will be with external coaches. P.E kit needs to be in school every day.

Cycling Proficiency- We hope to continue this for Year 6 this year with Mrs Rossenrode and Miss Tilley. Mr Liversage will look at arranging dates/times.

Homework:
Spellings: The system of focusing on patterns for spellings to create words to learn at home is working well. Thank you for your help and support with learning these. We will complete Spelling Test and give new spellings on Mondays.
Please let us know if you think that your child may need a different list of words for any reason.:

- Monday – Language activities to be completed by Wednesday
- Tuesday – Time to learn spellings for Monday's test using Look/Say/Cover/Write/Check. The children need to record this in their Homework books and is due in on Wednesday.
- Wednesday – Maths activity to be completed by Friday.
- Thursday – Time to learn tables. Three sets of tables your child needs to learn. This will extend to multiples of 10/100 etc and decimals.
- Friday – topic or reading comprehension task and homework diaries filled in with someone at home in the front of their diary.

In addition, the following may also be given, from time to time:

- Topic related research
- Science activities or SATS questions related to science.
- D modelling.

All homework to have titles and dates (words in English, numbers in Maths and underlined)/ English written in pen, Maths completed in pencil.

Homework Diaries
The system of having homework diaries in school works well. The diaries are needed in school each day. Please let us know any comments that you have or any difficulties that the children have encountered by writing notes in their Homework Books as they complete a task. Thank you for your helpful comments, these really help the children to become more organised. Please sign your child's Homework Diary over the weekend at the end of the week, ready for us to check on Monday.

Reading Challenge
As you know, we introduced the Reading Challenge system, whereby we are asking every child in the class to read daily five days each week for 15 minutes and for you to initial the chart in the back of their reading diary. These are checked each week and periodically we give out on the spot rewards for children who are up to date with this. Already this is helping to further develop their reading skills.

Our topics this term are:

Literacy –
Letter writing
Poetry
Diaries
Persuasive/Argument writing
Narratives
Biographies
Non-Fiction tests

Maths –
We continue to work from the key objectives from the Maths Curriculum and will be covering all aspects of Maths Curriculum and will be covering all aspects of Maths, particularly those identified in any assessments.

Science –
Living Things, Life Cycles, Habitats.

I.T –
Will be taught within our topic curriculum and also develop I.T skills as well as I.T and internet safety.

History/Geography –

World War 1 – including local communities.
Mapping skills. Local study.

R.E –
The Creation Story.

General
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns. I always welcome any feedback.

We are continuing with our target system. The children have their targets for Literacy and Numeracy. Now that we are back in the full swing of the curriculum we will be resuming the routine of sending them home on Friday to be returned on Mondays.

Slips/Notes
If you are unable to chat with me at drop off then please email the school office.

Dates:
SATS 2023: 8th – 12th May 2023
Residential: 26th – 30th June 2023

Future dates/Events
We would really like to see you at some of the forthcoming award assemblies, as your child achieves their certificates and other school events.

Thank you for your support for all that we are doing to develop the children's learning.

Many thanks,

Sarah Reynolds