

# Year 4 Newsletter

November 2023

Welcome to the second half-termly newsletter from Year 4 staff.

We have had a wonderful start to the year and we're looking forward to another exciting half term! The children have enjoyed making healthy snacks, learning about product packaging and have completed some fascinating experiments in our Science lessons. The children have also been playing the ukuleles with wonderful enthusiasm.

## Useful weblinks:

[Parent Handbook](#)

[Teacher email address](#)

[TT Rockstars login page](#)



## Books

This half term we will be looking at a range of books during our English and Reading Comprehension lessons. We will continue to explore 'Zombierella' by Joseph Coelho in addition to 'FARThER' by Grahame Baker-Smith, 'Winter's Child' by Grahame Baker-Smith, 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman and 'Skygazing' written by Anna Claybourne.

## How you can help at home...

*We are working hard as a school to promote regular reading at home and practising multiplication facts using TT Rockstars. Please encourage independent reading but also please listen to them if you can – there is a list of questions in the reading record that you can ask your child while reading.*

## Teaching and learning

We will be covering the following this half term:

- Maths** – Area, Multiplication and Division
- English** – Narrative sequel, Fantasy story
- Science** – Sound
- Art** – Weaving
- Music** – Ukulele
- French** – Clothes and Colours
- PE / Games** – Gymnastics / Fundamentals / Dance
- RE** – Kathina (Buddhism)
- Geography** – Continuing learning about Interconnected World
- History** – Continuing our Invasion topic
- Computing** – Communication and Collaboration
- PSHE** – Appearance, Influence and Bullying

## Notices

### PE and Games

Year 4 PE/Games continues to be Mondays. Now that the weather is changing, children must wear appropriate clothing for our outdoor Games lessons. E.g. tracksuit bottoms and top.

### Art

We are going to be learning about weaving. If you have any spare wool, ribbon or lace, it would be greatly appreciated. Please ask your child to pass it to their class teacher. Thank you in advance.

## Diary Dates

### NOVEMBER:

**w/c 13<sup>th</sup>** – Maths week  
**17<sup>th</sup>** – Children In Need Day

### DECEMBER:

**1<sup>st</sup>** – Christmas decoration day  
**8<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fayre  
**13<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 Christmas performance to parents  
**18<sup>th</sup>** – Virtual panto  
**19<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas lunch  
**20<sup>th</sup>** – Finish for Christmas

**We will let you know of any additions to this list, asap, via the weekly newsletter!**

## Year 4 Homework

- Reading daily** and discussion about new vocabulary
- TT Rockstars** (multiplication tables daily)
- Spelling** – practise of Year 3/4 statutory spellings. Our new Spelling Log books will come home weekly
- Optional** - complete child-led learning (ie create a piece of art about an area/work on the computer to make a quiz/make a news report).

