

Year 4 Newsletter

January 2024

Welcome to the third half-termly newsletter from Year 4 staff. We have had a wonderful start to the term with some fantastic work and getting used to our new Dojo rewards system and we're looking forward to another exciting half term! The children will be enjoying a variety of experiences linked to our Invasions topic and continuing to develop their scientific knowledge. They have already looked at some coding and will begin programming in computing!



RWI Spellings

Children have been doing our New RWI spelling sessions every day since last half term. Each week, children will record specific words in their spelling logs that they may find tricky or need a bit more practice with. These logs will come home so words can be worked on, but need to come back in to school each day so new words can be added!

How you can help at home...

The children now have their reading record. 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.

There is also a list of spellings in the record for them to practise.

Teaching and learning

We will be covering the following this half term:

- Maths** – Multiplication, Division and Area
- English** – Along Came Dudley
- Science** – Solids Liquids and Gases
- Art** – Fabrics
- French** – Numbers
- PE** – Dance/Fitness
- Games** – Netball
- RE** – Sikhism
- History** – Invasion
- Computing** – Probotix
- PSHE** – Dreams and Goals
- SRE** – My Body
- Music** – The Listening River

Notices

PE and Games

As the weather remains cold, children must wear appropriate clothing for our outdoor games lessons. E.g. tracksuit bottoms and top.

Year 4 Optional Homework

-**Reading daily** and discussion about new vocabulary

-**TT Rockstars** (multiplication tables daily)

-**Spelling** – practise of RWI Spelling Log spellings

-**Use Vocabulary Knowledge**

- **Knowledge Organisers** – Look at the knowledge organisers for our different topics and complete any independent research to deepen understanding of the topics.

Reminder about uniform:

Children should make sure they wear the Caister Junior School uniform. This is: blue jumper/cardigan, white polo shirt or shirt, school trousers/ shorts or skirt. Children should wear school shoes (not trainers). Long hair needs to be tied up. Nail varnish is not permitted. Children are not allowed bracelets/ necklaces.

Recently, there have been a few questions about smart watches. Smart watches are **NOT** allowed in school, but regular watches are.