

Year 4 Parent Information

Spring Term 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break.

General Information:

Children will sit their National Multiplication Check between the 5th and 23rd June 2023 and we strongly encourage them to learn their tables. Please ensure no holidays are booked during these weeks.

PE: Please ensure your child's uniform and PE kit are **clearly named**. Children should have a PE kit in school and should consist of a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. Children may also wear a black tracksuit. On your child's PE day, please ensure that earrings are removed for Health and Safety reasons or they have tape in school. PE for each class will be on a Tuesday, children can come to school in PE kit on this day. **Please ensure this is black shorts and jogging bottoms, white t-shirt or polo shirt and a black jacket or jumper.** Swimming will continue on alternate Wednesdays for each class beginning on 11th January. Weeks where we are not swimming, children will have a PE lesson and can use their PE kit in school.

Homework:

- Reading - This needs to be done daily for fifteen to twenty minutes and recorded in the reading diaries.
- Times tables - These should be practiced on a daily basis using Times Table Rockstars for a minimum of thirty minutes a week.
- Maths - A weekly task will be set via Maths Shed. Work will be set on a Friday and is to be completed by the following Friday.
- English - A task will be set on Reading Eggspress on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday.
- Spellings - A spelling activity and words to learn can be accessed on a Friday via Spelling Shed. Spellings should be learnt for the test the following Friday. Paper copies for spellings will also be stuck into reading records.

Below are details of what your child will be learning in school during this term.

During the first half term our Topic is: Who invaded us after the Romans? Trip - Thursday 26th January to the British Museum, London.	
English We will be exploring 'The Winter's Child' and writing a fantasy sequel to this story. We will also look at the book 'Cinnamon,' and write our own version of this mythical tale.	Maths We will extend our understanding of multiplying and dividing 2- and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number and investigating length and perimeter
MFL We will be learning the terminology associated with going on holiday.	History We will be learning about Britain after the Romans and how different settlers affected life in Britain up until the Norman Conquest.
Design and Technology We will be designing, creating and testing our own Saxon-inspired money containers.	PSHE We will be looking at how to stay safe and manage risk in situations such as crossing roads, online gaming and playing by water.
P.E. We will be creating and exploring dances sequences with a 'space' theme. We will continue to swim.	Music We will be exploring the music from 'Fantasia.'
Computing We will be learning to use word processing software including adding images and tables into word documents.	R.E. We will be considering religious milestones for different faiths.

During the second half term our Topic is: Where does my food go?	
<p>English</p> <p>We will be reading 'The Lion and the Unicorn' and will write our own version of an historical narrative. Following on from this, we will explore 'Odd and the Frost Giants' and we will retell the story from an alternative perspective.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>We will learn about fractions and decimals, including: tenths, equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, finding fractions of quantities and improper fractions. We will then look at dividing by 10 and 100.</p>
<p>Science</p> <p>We will be learning about the digestive system and how it works, as well as learning about teeth.</p>	<p>MFL</p> <p>We will continue learning phrases and asking questions about going on holiday.</p>
<p>Art</p> <p>We will be designing a self-portrait influenced by Derek Gores.</p>	<p>PSHE</p> <p>We will be learning what it means to live in a democracy.</p>
<p>P.E.</p> <p>We will be creating different types of bridges in gymnastics and continuing stroke development in swimming.</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>We will be learning about Mozart and Joplin and listening to some of their music and comparing it.</p>
<p>Computing</p> <p>We will begin to learn about coding and creating instructions using code.</p>	<p>R.E.</p> <p>We will be continuing to look at religious milestones for different faiths.</p>

We are encouraging the children to become more independent by following the 5Rs of readiness, resilience, resourcefulness, responsibility and reflectiveness, so please remind your child that it is their responsibility to do their homework and hand in their homework and reading records on time. There is a homework club on Friday lunchtime should your child not do their homework or you wish them to do it in school.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this booklet or have any other concerns about your child, do not hesitate to come and see us. Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

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