

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2022

General Information

Welcome back to our second half term! We are so impressed at how quickly everyone has settled back into our daily routine. The children are looking incredibly smart in their uniforms. Well done everyone!

Teaching staff

Class 7 – Mr Cooper, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Evans and Miss Hadley.

Class 8 – Miss Lievesley and Ms Jones

What are we learning?

Our topic this term is **Roman Life**, which will have cross-curricular links not just to history, but also maths, geography, art and D.T. We will be continuing to learn about the Roman Empire, the story of Romulus and Remus and the impact of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii.



In Geography, we will be exploring volcanoes, their positive and negative impacts on the environment and studying recently erupted volcanoes to find out more about how people are able to live with volcanoes in sight!

In PE, Class 8 are continuing their swimming lessons on Tuesdays until February 2022. From this point, we will swap and Class 7 will go for the remainder of Year 4. Whilst Class 8 are swimming, Class 8 will be focusing on fitness in school with Mr Beet. Please make sure earrings are removed for PE (or covered with plasters if they are newly pierced).

In English, we have just created newspaper reports to demonstrate our understanding of new vocabulary and newly taught grammatical skills, all based on this term's book of the Matilda Effect which challenges gender stereotypes. Reading is an important part of the curriculum so alongside The Matilda Effect, we have already learnt about Romulus and Remus, performed the Owl and the Pussycat poem and continue to use a book-based PSHE scheme.

What are we reading?



The Matilda Effect *Ellie Irving*

This term in English, we will move on to using a high-quality video resource to help us build our understanding of show-not-tell techniques, alongside exciting character and setting descriptions.

Times Tables

In Year 4, children are assessed on their knowledge of the times tables up to 12 x 12. Children have opportunities to practise their times tables in school, at the beginning of every maths lesson and on the Times Table Rockstars app. However, we have seen the most improvement when children practise for short periods at home every day. We suggest that children practise for 5 minutes a day. This can be on the TTR app or through counting and quizzes from parents! Children may also be encouraged to play Numbots to increase their number bond fluency.

Science

This term, we will be learning all about electricity! This includes health and safety, and successfully using equipment such as light bulbs, wires and batteries to complete simple circuits!

Homework

Homework is provided for maths and English each Friday and needs returning by the following Friday. Returned homework will be logged and kept in a folder with points awarded for those who are consistent with completing it. If your child needs any support, please speak to one of the Year 4 team.

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible at home. Adding their reads into their diary independently is completely okay!

