

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2024

General Information

What a great start to Year 4! We are already in full swing and continuing to raise our expectations. We are so impressed at how quickly everyone has settled back into our daily routine and the children are looking incredibly smart in their uniforms. Well done everyone! Our class assembly will be on Friday 15th November but reminders for this will be sent out again on Dojo, closer to the time.

Teaching staff

Class 7 – Mrs Holdridge, Mrs Bedford, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Flynn

Class 8 – Miss Lievesley, Ms Jones Ms Reilly.

What are we learning?

Our topic this term is **Roman life**, which we will cover in History, Art and Design and Technology. We will be learning about what it was like in Roman times along with the legend of Romulus and Remus.



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 English, we will be focusing on our new Year 4 Writing Standards, alongside writing newspaper reports and diary entries to demonstrate our increased vocabulary and grammatical skills, all based on the texts we are reading together. Reading for pleasure continues to be a focus and will be celebrated via a wide range of activities throughout the course of this term. In Year 4, children also have access to 'Star Books' which they keep at school to read, alongside their usual ZPD / levelled book that they bring home to read. We are still in the process of assessing reading levels, but we will make sure books are sent home with all children, asap.

What are we reading?



The Matilda Effect
Ellie Irvine



The Nothing to See Here Hotel
Stephen Butler

PE

C7 are currently swimming for PE. Please ensure that those children who can remove earrings do so at home as children are unable to swim with them in. C8 are currently learning basketball, hockey and football skills. After February half term, it will then be C8's turn at swimming. Permission letters for this will be sent out closer to the time.

Times Tables

In Year 4, children will complete a statutory assessment on their knowledge of 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 via the TTRS app or through counting and quizzes from parents at home. We are also running regular class tournaments for extra encouragement, points and FUN!

Science

This term, we will be learning all about states of matter! This includes investigating how and why solids, liquids and gases change their state and will involve a variety of enquiry questions.

Homework

Homework will be 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 for those who are consistent with completing it.

