

Year 4 Newsletter Autumn Term 2- 2018

Welcome back to school and the start a fantastic year in our new class! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready for lots of exciting learning! I am really looking forward to getting to know you all and working together to achieve the best for each and every member of our class.



Bits and Bobs!



Water bottles- Please send in a labelled water bottle for your child to leave on the trolley outside the classroom- learning is thirsty work! Encourage your child to bring the bottle home, at least weekly to be cleaned!

PE KIT - PE day in school is Wednesday. The PE kits rarely get dirty so they can be left in school. Please remember to provide suitable outdoor footwear for PE. Swimming will take place on Friday mornings. Children need to bring a costume/trunks and a towel. They can bring goggles if they wish. NO jewellery is aloud

Jumpers and Cardigans! - Please do try to label them and remind your child to take them home each day!

Home Reading Books- Reading books will be changed as often as needed. Please sign your child's reading record so we know the book has been read

Here is a taster of things to come in our learning:

Literacy (our focus book will be How to train your dragon) - Writing reports, recounts, setting and character descriptions, creative/fantasy writing. Daily focus on spelling.

Numeracy- This half term will focus on all aspects of number and place value.

Science- Humans and other Animals – focus on the digestive system.

History/Geography/Art (focus on Castles) – Castles/patterns/symbols/castle locations

RE- An introduction to Buddhism

PE- fitness/games and swimming

ICT- E Safety

Music-singing

PSHCE-New Beginnings

French- numbers and greetings

Rainbow Passports- These are tested twice a week on a Monday and a Thursday and then given back out on a Friday. Please help your child to practise the questions sent home as they help them to recall basic number facts quickly.

Spellings – spelling tasks will be given out each week to support the focus spelling rules and patterns from our sessions in class. Please help your child to learn the rule and perhaps find other words with the spelling pattern in rather than just learning the list of words. Spellings will be given on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

Optional Half Termly Topic Homework- This is optional and is printed on a separate letter. The tasks set will really embed our learning in class and be completed over the whole half term. Have fun getting creative!

Maths – Weekly maths task given out on Friday. Please stick in homework book and return before Wednesday if you would like it to be marked before the new homework is given.

I already enjoyed getting to know the children and find out all about them, parents evening will be a good chance for me to meet you but should you wish to see me before this time then do not hesitate to contact me or the office to make an appointment for before or after school.

Many thanks,

Mr Bowman