

Welcome back to Class 4: Spring 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you all had a happy and refreshing break. A huge thank you from Mrs Ellison, Mrs Clegg and Mrs Russell for the very generous and thoughtful gifts you gave us at the end of term -they are much appreciated.

It has been lovely to welcome your children back to school after the holidays and we are all looking forward to a new term.

As part of our beginning of term activities, we have been talking about the importance of trying hard, not giving up when faced with a challenge, of expecting to make mistakes and trying to learn from them. We talked about the importance of positive language, for instance, "I can't do it yet," rather than "I'll never be any good at this." Everyone has thought about what they would like to improve or learn to do this year, as a sort of New Year's Resolution. Do ask your child what he/she has decided to work on!

This term Mrs Clegg will be teaching Class 4 on Wednesday mornings and Mrs Ellison will be teaching the class for the other 4 mornings.

Class 4 Curriculum at a Glance – Spring Term

English	Story writing, letters and diaries inspired by <i>The Firework Maker's Daughter</i> by Philip Pullman, spelling and grammar (speech marks, subordinate clauses, paragraphs), guided reading.		
Maths	Multiplication and division (formal written methods), fractions and decimals, time, measurement and money, problem-solving and reasoning skills, times tables.		
Science	Sound, electricity	Geography	Volcanoes & Earthquakes
PE	Swimming, football, rugby, agility activities	RE	Sikhism Christianity (Salvation)
ICT	Coding and E-safety	French	Greetings and My Family

Please remember that children should keep their homework/reading diaries in their book bags so that they are always in school. PE kits should also be in school at all times. Year 4 have swimming this term so please ensure they bring their swimming kit in on Wednesdays.

Homework schedule:

Spellings	Set Monday, due in the following Monday.
English and Maths	Set Wednesday, due in the following Tuesday, along with homework/reading diaries. Both 30 minutes approx.
Reading	At least three times a week with an adult regularly signing and noting comments.
Times tables	Please keep practising! The national curriculum target is for all children to know their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. It's a life skill and helps enormously with accessing other areas of maths.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns; a note in the homework diary (checked on Tuesdays) is a good method or you could send an email via the school office to make an appointment/arrange a phone call.

Thank you very much for all your support. We are looking forward to another fantastic term with your children.

Mrs Ellison Mrs Clegg Mrs Russell

SAVE THE DATE: Parent consultation evenings - Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th February 2019

Word List for Year 3

address	answer	appear	arrive
believe	bicycle	calendar	centre
century	certain	complete	continue
decide	describe	early	earth
eight/eighth	experience	experiment	extreme
famous	favourite	February	forward(s)
fruit	grammar	group	history
important	learn	length	library
minute	natural	notice	often
perhaps	popular	probably	promise
quarter	question	regular	remember
sentence	special	strange	strength
therefore	woman	women	

Word List for Year 4

accident(ally)	actual(ly)	breath	breathe
build	busy/business	caught	circle
consider	different	difficult	disappear
enough	exercise	guard	guide
heard	heart	height	imagine
increase	interest	island	knowledge
material	medicine	mention	naughty
occasion(ally)	opposite	ordinary	particular
peculiar	position	possess(ion)	possible
potatoes	pressure	purpose	recent
reign	separate	straight	suppose
surprise	though/although	thought	through
various	weight		