

Welcome Back to Class 4: Spring 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you all had a happy and refreshing break. Thank you 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. We welcome Mrs Silmon who will be teaching the class on Fridays this 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 things they would like to improve or learn to do this year, as a sort of New Year’s Resolution. Please do ask your child what they have decided to work on!

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns; find one of us on the playground, jot down a note in the homework diary (checked on Tuesdays) or send an email via the school office to make an appointment or arrange a phone call. Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to another fantastic term with your children.

Mrs Ellison Mrs Silmon Mrs Russell

Class 4 Curriculum at a Glance – Spring Term

English	Class texts: The Firework Maker’s Daughter by Philip Pullman Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit Story writing, letters, diaries and newspaper reports inspired by the books Spelling (homophones, suffixes, prefixes, Year 3/4 word list) Punctuation (dialogue rules, using commas) Grammar (subordinate clauses, fronted adverbials, sentence types)
Maths	Number: times tables, multiplication and division strategies, fractions and decimals Shape: properties of 2D shapes Measurement: area, time Problem-solving and reasoning skills
Science	Electricity, Sound
Geography	Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes
RE	Sikhism Salvation-Why do Christians call the day Jesus died ‘Good Friday’?
Computing	We are Programmers, E-safety
PE	Swimming, Handball and Rounders
French	The body, animals, food, school
Art	Volcano Collages

Homework Schedule:

Monday	Spellings – due in the following Monday
Wednesday	English and Maths - due in the following Tuesday both 30 minutes approx
Friday	Times tables – children will be told which one to focus on. All children should know their times tables up to 12 x1 2 by the end of Year 4. Your child will sit the new national Year 4 times table test this summer.
Reading - At least three times a week, with an adult regularly signing and noting comments. Bring homework diary with comments into school to be checked on Tuesdays	

The following spelling lists are taken from the National Curriculum – we are working our way through them, but any additional practice will definitely be of benefit!

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*

Please remember that children should keep their homework 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**.

SAVE THE DATE: Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th March

