



Year 4 Class Newsletter: Autumn Term 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another new and exciting school year. I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break.

Overleaf you will find an overview of the Year 4 Autumn curriculum. If you would like to speak to me about anything, please do not hesitate to join me in class for an informal chat between 8.45am and 9.00am (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) or contact the school to arrange an appointment time.

General

It is imperative that your child attends school punctually every day, unless they are ill. The school building is open for children from 8.45am and the children are expected to make their way to the classroom as soon as they arrive at school. Children are expected to be in school from 8.45am to complete their mental maths activities (part of the '**I can do maths**' initiative).

In order to encourage healthy minds and bodies in our school it is expected that children come to school each day with healthy snacks and lunch. As we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL** it is essential that your child does not bring any foods containing nuts or traces of nuts, including biscuits and chocolate. We also ask that no sweets, crisps or sugary cakes and snacks are placed in your child's packed lunch.

In KS2, children need to **bring in their own** mid-morning snack. Snack time is just before morning break. Please ensure your child brings a **healthy snack**; a piece of fruit or vegetable is ideal.

It is also important that your child comes to school each day in correct school uniform. Please note that children are not allowed to wear non-uniform jumpers or trainers. Jewellery (apart from simple stud earrings) is not part of the uniform. Any inappropriate item of jewellery worn to school will be confiscated and kept in the school office for safekeeping until the end of the week, when it will be sent home. We ask that you continue to support us in ensuring that your child is dressed appropriately every day.

The Classroom

In class we are using the **Class Dojo** system where the children are awarded positive and negative points for specific things from handing in homework on time to lining up sensibly. We have a prize box with small prizes for those children whose behaviour has been outstanding that week and who have been awarded the most points.

Children should also be aware of the consequences of inappropriate behaviour. Children who are behaving inappropriately get negative points. If they receive negative points they miss some of their playtime or Fun Friday activities. Children always have the opportunity to make amends by changing their behaviour so they can go back to positive.

Class Trips

Wherever possible, class trips will be organised to assist in developing the children's understanding of class topics. Some parental assistance will be required on outings, so if you are able to help in some way please let me know.

PE

For the first half of this term children will be doing dance in **PE on a Tuesday morning**. Please ensure that your child has the correct school PE kit which is a plain white T-shirt, black leggings/jogging bottoms or shorts and black trainers. All this needs to be kept in a named school PE bag/sack.

Homework

Thank you for the support and encouragement that you give at home with regard to the children's schoolwork. As you know it is important that this continues as the homework tasks consist of activities that reinforce the themes or subjects studied at school. Numeracy homework will be set through the Mathletics website, and will be based upon what has been learnt in class that week. Each child has been given their own individual login for Mathletics; if your child has lost theirs, please send me a message via Dojo and I can send replacement login details. Other homework will consist of Literacy, RE or Topic and will go out on Fridays. I am happy to support any child with their homework, so if they require help, they should ask *before* it is due to be handed in! Please note that children who fail to complete and/or bring in their homework will be asked to complete the work during morning break.

Reading

Children are expected to read every evening for at least **20 minutes**. They can choose from their own books at home or books from the class/school library. Every child has a **Reading Record Book which needs to be completed each evening** after they have read. Please encourage your child to write in it their thoughts about the book, its characters and events! **Please initial the Reading Record Book daily after your child has read.** I shall remind the children of the need for you to do so, not least because the records are checked by me or Miss Colson daily. If your child forgets to bring the Reading Record home, please initial a separate piece of paper with their name and the date. Children who don't bring a record of their reading will be asked to read during morning break.

I look forward to an exciting and fun term of learning with your child.

Kind regards,

Miss D McCarroll

Year 4 Class Teacher