











# Year 4 Newsletter - Autumn 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back following the Autumn half-term holiday, I hope you had a good and relaxing break. I want to take this opportunity to say how fantastic the children have settled back into school after such a long time off. I have seen an improvement week on week in how they settle and respond to learning. Thank you for your continued support with this. Yet again, we have some exciting and challenging work planned and I cannot wait to see more of what the children can do.

Please remember if you do ever wish to speak to me, don't hesitate to call the office and book an appointment with me.

 <p>English</p>	<p>In Year 4, this half term, our focus author is <u>Benjamin Zephaniah</u>. To find out more about Benjamin Zephaniah, you can visit his website: <a href="http://benjaminzephaniah.com/">http://benjaminzephaniah.com/</a> This half term, children will be learning about <b>non-fiction</b> and how to write an <b>information text</b>. They will learn about the <b>structural and language features</b>, such as logical order of events, opening statements, description, headings and diagrams/illustrations, which will help the reader, understand the information.</p>
 <p>Reading for Pleasure</p>	<p>This half term, our class book is 'Stig of the dump' by Clive King, which has been chosen by the children themselves. In our shared reading lessons, we will be linking texts to our Science unit, sound. We will be looking at a range of non-fiction texts and a story 'The sound of whales'. <b>Please allow your children to read and access a range of different text types at home: newspapers, magazines, poetry, online reading, fiction and non-fiction.</b> Useful websites: <a href="https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-age-8-9-year-4/">https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-age-8-9-year-4/</a> Useful website for recommended texts for Y4: <a href="https://www.thereaderteacher.com/year4">https://www.thereaderteacher.com/year4</a></p>
 <p>Maths</p>	<p><b>In Maths</b>, this half term, we will be learning about: <b>addition and subtraction</b>. We will also be focusing on <b>multiplication in preparation for the test</b>. The children will not only be learning to recall facts, fluently but will develop a deeper understanding of the relationship between numbers. Year 4, are also focused on the <b>Multiplication Test Check, which will take place in June, next year</b>. They are required to recall their times tables up to 12 x 12. Your children have access to <b>TTRockstars</b> and should be using the programme at home, every night.</p>
 <p>Science</p>	<p>In Science, this half term, we are learning about <b>sound</b>. We will be learning how we hear things and considering why and how we hear things at different volumes. We will be researching to find out about Alan Turing. Useful websites: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqffr82">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqffr82</a></p>
 <p>RE</p>	<p>In Year 4, our Bible study character is <b>Eve (Genesis 2:22, 3:6)</b> and our main focus is on Christianity: <b>Incarnation</b>. We will be looking at the holy trinity and the significance of Jesus' baptism. The children will have the chance to demonstrate their learning through writing a live report of the baptism.</p>
 <p>Computing</p>	<p>In Computing, we will also be learning about <b>E-safety</b> and how to stay safe on the Internet. Children will be looking at Cyberbullying, spam mail and the different ways in, which children can remain safe, whilst using a range of digital media. In Spring 1, we will be writing for different audiences. Useful websites: <a href="https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/">https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/</a> <a href="https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/">https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/</a></p>
 <p>Topic</p>	<p>In Topic this half term, our subject will be <b>Geography</b> where children will focus on Italy. <b>Our whole school theme is, Our Community</b>. The children will compare and contrast different localities and identify significant geographical human and physical features of <b>the European country - Italy</b>. Useful website: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zbkw2hv">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zbkw2hv</a></p>
 <p>PE</p>	<p>In Autumn 2, Mr Browne will be teaching the children a range of <b>invasion games</b>. Pupils will focus on important skills such as passing, holding and controlling. <b>PE will be on a Tuesday afternoon</b>, please make sure children have the correct kit (black shorts or leggings, white t-shirt and black pumps) and that they bring it in every week.</p>
 <p>Music</p>	<p>Year 4 will continue to have their flute and singing lessons, each Monday, with their peripatetic teacher - Mrs Wright.</p>
 <p>Foreign Languages</p>	<p>In Year 4, we study Latin. We will continue with our work on verb tenses. We will also make links to our grammar and vocabulary lessons, to support our exploration of words. Here are two websites, to support home study. <a href="https://www.omniglot.com/language/phrases/latin.php">https://www.omniglot.com/language/phrases/latin.php</a> <a href="http://www.forvo.com">www.forvo.com</a></p>

## Attendance

In order for your child to get the best out of school and maximise their learning, please make sure your child is **on time for school and comes to school every day**. School starts at **8.45am**. Thank you.

## Homework

All pupils have login details for Times Tables Rock stars and Purple Mash, which they are able to log into (at home) to practice. In addition to this, please ensure your child is reading daily, up to 15 minutes and keeping a record of this in their reading diaries. All homework is set on google classroom, please make sure your children are completing work set and that you share any issues with us relating to this.