

## Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 2

### **A wonderful start to Year 4**

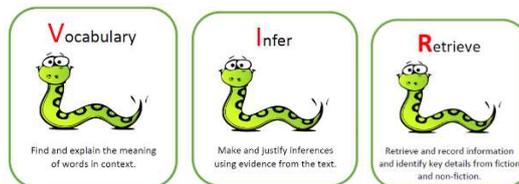
Mr Redhead and Mrs Tansey hope you've had a great to start in Year 4 and have enjoyed your half term break. We have lots of exciting topics to study this term. Most things will be the same as last term, homework will go home on Friday to be returned the following Friday. Reading books and diaries should be brought in to school everyday.

### **Spelling and Reading**

We have spelling lessons each Wednesday and Friday. Children will be given new spellings e... to be practised at home.



The adults in our class love to read, we hope you do too. This year we will continue to use Reading Vipers to help us with our guided reading. These can be used at home when reading too. In our guided reading lessons this term we will be focusing on the vocabulary, infer and retrieve vipers.



### **Writing**

We will link our History and Geography work to our English writing. This new half term we are learning about autobiographies and narrative quests along with the many elements they include. Our topic is 'Anglo-Saxon settlers'.



### **Maths**

In maths this children will study measure and the mental and formal written methods of the f operations: multiplication, and division of digits up to 10000.



### **Science**

Our science topic is "Good Vibrations". In this topic we will look at how sound is made a travels.



### **Computing**

In computing we will be learning to use spreadsheets. In addition the children will learning about the benefits of using technology, how to reduce risks to themselves when online and what is appropriate when using, referring and presenting the work of other, including plagiarism.



### **Geography/History**

In history we will be learning about the early Anglo-Saxon settlers in Britain. We will look at life in Britain following the retreat of the Romans, how archaeologists use different sources to piece together a picture of what life could have been like 1500 years ago. We also explore the structure of the Britains tribes, invasions and some of the lasting impacts still seen in Britain today. In geography we will learn about the River Nile, it uses and the settlements along it. Next term we will begin learning about Biomes in Geography.

**MFL**

In French we will be looking at school and our surrounding area. We will learn to speak as well as write sentences about this in French.



**Music**

In music each week we will be continuing a weekly session provided by XYZZZ who are teaching us to play Samba drums. At the end of the term we will be putting on an amazing performance!



**PE**

Please ensure you child wears either academy p.e. clothes or clothes without slogans or distinct brand names on them.

**Tuesday** – Outdoor PE

**Thursday** – Indoor PE

On PE days please wear **tracksuit bottoms** or **shorts** and an **academy PE**. Don't forget to wear **trainers**.

**Homework Project**



**Spelling homework** will be set each week and a check every Friday morning.

**Maths homework** – The focus will be on times tables and access to Times Tables Rockstars. A device such as laptop, ipad, phone, or games console with internet access will be required. Please contact me if help in this area is needed.

**National Multiplication Table Check (MTC)** - Your child will sit the National MTC in June. To help support and build up to this we will focus home learning to support class based activities. Any frequent supplementary support and encouragement given at home will benefit the progression of your child's learning.

For further information download the [MTC document found on the Year 4 class page](#).

If children are unsure about any part of their homework they should ask an adult on either Friday or Monday so we can help them.



### Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



### Times Tables Rockstars



### Spelling Shed



### Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



### Class information

**Class Teacher:** Mr Redhead

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Tansey

**Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.**

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and when the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

### **Dates for the diary!**



- Monday 31st October – Training day for teachers
- Tuesday 1st November – school reopens for pupils
- 11th November – School Council Remembrance Assembly
- Tuesday 14th November – Odd Socks Day
- Friday 18th November – Children in Need Mufti Day
- Tuesday 6th December – Christmas Carol Concert KS2 (pm)
- Thursday 8th December Christmas Jumper Day (National Save the Children Day)
- Thursday 15th December Christmas Class Parties
- Friday 16th December – school closes for Christmas