

Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 1

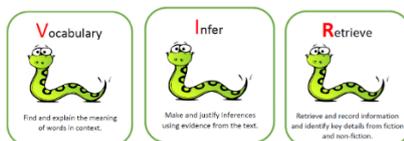
Mr Redhead, Mrs Eden and Mrs Windsor hope you've enjoyed a wonderful summer break. We have lots of new and exciting topics to study this next half term.



Spelling and Reading

We have spelling lessons each Wednesday and Friday. Children will be given new spellings each week to be practised at home using EdShed – <http://play.edshed.com> Your child has their own password.

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

This first half term we are learning how to write setting descriptions and how to develop an existing narrative based on a short film.



Maths

In maths this term we will look at place value of digits up to 10000, measurement and the mental and formal written methods of the four operations: addition and subtraction, multiplication, and division



Science

Our science topic is 'The human body' In this topic the children will study the digestive system and why teeth are so important.



Computing

In computing we will be learning to use technology to experiment and compose a piece of music. 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 Geography this half term our theme is 'Spatial Sense'. We be expanding existing knowledge by learning to use maps, compass points, scale and grid references. In History we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons & Vikings and their impact on the UK.



MFL

In French we will be looking at school and subjects. We will learn to speak as well as write sentences about this in French. We will learn the days of the week and months of year.



Music

In music the children will learn to play the Ukele with or external tutors. They will be practicing each week before culminating in a whole class performance.



PE Tuesday & Thursday – Outdoor (as weather permits) On PE days please wear **tracksuit bottoms** or **shorts** and an **academy PE**. Remember to wear **trainers**.



Homework

Each week your child should complete the 3 following activities:



4-5 x Home reading sessions with an adult – Quick note recorded in diary.
A mixture of Big Cat online e-books and the read book we change each week.



30 minutes -TT Rockstars multiplication practice.



Ed Shed Spelling practice - Minimum 2-3 sessions each week.
We have our weekly spelling check each Friday



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 Windsor & Mrs Eden

So we can help you, 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**.

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 4th September – Training Day

Tuesday 5th September – Training Day

Wednesday 6th September – Children return start of Term 1

W/B Monday 11th September- Reception children start – part time mornings and lunch only

W/B Monday 18th September- Reception children start part time

W/B Monday 25th September- Reception children start full time

Parent Welcome Meetings

Tuesday 11th September Year 1, 12th September Year 2, 13th September Year 3

Tuesday 19th September Year 4, 20th September Year 5, Tuesday 26th September Year 6

18th-20th September Year 6 Residential – Castle Howard

W/B 2nd October – Parents’ Open Sessions (Reading) – days and timings tbc

Tuesday 17th October - Parents Consultation Evening – 3.00pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 18th October - Parents Consultation Evening - 3.00pm – 5.30pm

Friday 20th October school closes to pupils for Half Term