

Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter.



Welcome to Year Four! We hope that you have enjoyed your summer. This information sheet will give a broad outline of the work your child will be undertaking this term. We hope you will find it useful. If you have any queries, please see your child's class teacher. In our teaching, we make cross-curricular links with other subjects to not only enhance and embed the children's learning, but also for their enjoyment. These links are detailed below.

MATHEMATICS: We will look at a range of topics in Maths including; understanding place value, addition, subtraction, factors and calculating, 2-d shapes, angles and symmetry and different numbers.

ENGLISH: We are going to try and involve the children in the planning by asking them what types of writing they would like to do this term. Our English work will be linked to our class novel. For the first half term it is *KrindleKrax* and then we move on to a narrative poem.

SCIENCE: In Science we will be studying animals including humans, teeth and investigating sound.

TOPIC: Our topic this half term is *Early Settlers*. This will lead into our topic for the second half term which is *The Anglo-Saxons* which will also provide the inspiration for our Art lessons as we attempt to imitate and understand their art work.

R.E.: In R.E. we will be starting with a unit on Judaism. We will be comparing many of their customs and festivals with that of the Christian faith. If anyone has any experience they would like to share please talk to your child's class teacher.

P.S.H.E: We are going to be focusing on risks, peer pressure and our rights and responsibility.

DT/Art: During the first half term we will create money containers and practise our sewing techniques. The Anglo-Saxons provide the inspiration for our Art lessons as we attempt to imitate and understand their art work.

P.E./GAMES: All children should have a full, named P.E. kit in school every day. Elm will have games lessons on Monday, Oak will have games on Wednesday and Spruce will do games on Thursday. Games lessons are usually outside, weather permitting, and therefore children need to have a sensible pair of trainers.

Year 4 will be swimming throughout the autumn term. Oak and Spruce will swim on a Tuesday and Elm will be swimming on a Thursday. Please make sure girls have a swimming costume (1piece) and boys have trunks (no Bermuda shorts). They will also need a swimming hat (long hair) and goggles



READING: Please ensure that your child brings in their reading book and reading record every day. Children have a reading book to bring home from school but are also most welcome to read their own choices of book. All children will be heard reading in class during guided reading. Individual reading will also take place.

TIMESTABLES: By the end of year 4, children are expected to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10 timestables. Children should use Timestables Rockstars to support their learning.

HOMEWORK:

Children will also receive maths and spellings homework once a week. Homework will be given out and collected as follows:

Subject	Day	Hand in by/diary signed by	Response
Reading (10 minutes)	Daily	Friday	Fill in your diary reading record.
Maths (20 minutes)	Friday	Wednesday	Complete task and hand in.
English - Spellings (20 minutes)	Friday	Wednesday	Complete task and hand in.
Topic / Science	Autumn 2: Sound Project (Science) Summer 1: Tudor Project (Topic)	Date given by class teacher	Complete task and hand in.

CONTACT: Please write any notes in your child's reading record and ask your child to show this to their teacher at the start of the school day. If a matter needs a longer discussion, please write to your child's teacher to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

We hope your child settles in quickly and enjoys their first term at Holy Trinity and we will do our best to ensure this.

Yours sincerely,

The Year Four Team