



# Billie Jean-King - Year 4



Autumn 1 Newsletter



We would like to welcome you all to the year 4 classroom! We're very excited about a great year ahead and look forward to the great progress the children are going to make.

The class teachers in year 4 are Mr Symes, Mrs Clark, and Mrs Parnaby. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to any of us before or after school. Thank you.

## Our Christian Values



Our Christian values this term are:  
Thankfulness and Respect

## What are we Learning:

Our topic this term is: What is Climate Justice?

In English, we will be looking at writing an information text, informing the reader what Climate Justice is. Our writing will be focusing on good sentence structure and experimenting using conjunctions to expand ideas. We will then be moving onto writing a science-based explanation text.

In maths, our focus will be on place value, and then addition and subtraction. Practising our times tables will also be a daily feature in year 4.

Our science topic will look at human teeth and the human digestive system and how food travels through us. We will then look at food chains of animals.

In Art, we will focus on the artist Basquiat and will be recreating our own versions of his work. In this, we will be experimenting with a range of mediums, such as pastels, paints, and crayons.



## What are we Reading?

This term we will be reading *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q Rauf

We will also be reading a range of picture books and short texts linked to our science, geography and writing topics





## Homework

Each week, the homework expectation is:

- Complete the spelling assignment on EdShed.
- Complete 20 minutes per week on TTRockstars (practising all timestables.)
- To read each day, either their school book or a book of their choice.

There will be TTRockstars club on Thursday lunchtimes and Spelling club on Friday lunchtimes to help support anyone who cannot access the apps at home that week.

Children may be asked to attend the clubs if they do not do the homework.

If you have lost or cannot access EdShed or TTRockstars, please let me know as soon as possible.

## TTRockstars

Timestables are a big focus in year 4 and the children will be practising daily at school and have regular time on TTRockstars. Children are asked to spend time at home, practising these too. We will have a TTRockstar of the week for children who work extremely hard.

## Upcoming dates

8th September - KS2 Music day

21st September - Individual Photos

29th September - Year 4 at York Food Festival

5th October - National Poetry Day

12th October - Flu immunisations

24, 25 & 26th October 2023 - Parents' Evening

## PE and Music

PE will be on a Tuesday this year, so children will need to wear their PE kit that day.

Music will be on Wednesday afternoons, so children will need their instruments

