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Autumn 2 Newsletter



Welcome to the Autumn 2 newsletter. We're in for a busy term, filled with lots of new learning, Christmas activities, and forest school!

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 can we learn from the past?

In English, we will be writing a story, with a focus on punctuating speech and possessive apostrophes. In addition, we will also be trying a range of descriptive techniques. Then we will be moving onto instructional texts, which will be linked to our science topic.

In maths, our learning will start with looking at calculating area. Then we will move onto multiplication and division. Along with this, we will be practising our timetables each day.

Our science topic will look at how electricity works and what a circuit is. We will also be learning about conductors and insulators and how these have everyday uses.



What are we Reading?

This term we will be reading continuing *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

- Meeting for new Rec children starting in Sep 2024, 14th Nov 5.30pm
- Year 4 Forest School day 19th Nov
- FOKF School Christmas Disco Wednesday 6th December after school
- Music Performance Wednesday 13th December 2.45pm
- Pantomime Trip Friday 15th December
- Christmas Celebration Friday 15th December from 3.15pm
- Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 21st December
- FOKF Christmas Film Night Thursday 21st December 3.15pm - 5.30pm
- KS2 Singing carols on the playground (all parents/carers warmly invited) Friday 22nd December 2.30pm

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

Links and areas to support current learning.

In English, we've been experimenting with different sentence types. We've looked at compound, complex, and simple sentences, and how to punctuate these. This link can help with the understanding of this topic.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwp8mn/articles/zbvqkty>

In maths, practising counting to 1000 in groups of 25, will really help with the children's maths in school. Also, mastering their 6 timestables will also be ideal for learning. This website has a range of games to support.

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>