



YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2019

Welcome!

Wishing you all a Happy New Year and welcome to the new term!

Please find attached a summary of planned work for this term for literacy, maths, MFL (Modern Foreign Language), Music, P.E. (Physical Education), R.E. (Religious Education) and from the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) units 'Living Together' and 'On Tap'. The former IPC unit is a Geography led unit and the latter is Science and Geography led unit. As with all the IPC units, they utilise a thematic approach across most of the other curriculum subject areas.

To support this term's coverage of stories set in 'imaginary worlds', there is a class visit arranged for 12 February to Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studio.

Home Learning Challenge

Home learning continues to be the 'Pick and Mix' format set on a half termly basis. It consists of a menu of activities where children must complete some specific activities and select some remaining ones based on a point system where they must total at least 20 'stars'. The half termly setting of the 'Pick and Mix' format is to help children pace their learning over the weeks that make up a half term, and bring their home learning projects and tasks to school during the last week of each half term. This will also support them in being 'secondary school ready'.

P.E.

Our regular P.E. slot is scheduled for Thursdays. As we may also have P.E. on other days, it will be helpful if the named P.E. kit remains in school all week. Thank you for your support in this.

Celebrations

Every week we hold a Golden Book Assembly where we celebrate children's achievements both in and outside school. If your child has recently done something that they are particularly proud of and would like to share their success with everyone. Please encourage them to bring this information in so that it can be shared in assembly.

Attendance and Punctuality

We cannot stress enough the importance of regular attendance to give the children every opportunity to progress in all areas of the curriculum. Please remember that children can enter the classroom from 8.45 am with registration at 8.55 am.

Other Information

Please drop your child at the year group's allocated door. We expect the children to come into the classroom by themselves each morning. They need to independently hang up their coats, and settle to the set tasks.

Parents' Evening is scheduled later in the term, but if you have any concerns before then please do not hesitate to make an appointment to talk with me.

Additional Home learning

Other home learning will comprise of weekly targeted spellings, times tables and the expectation that children read each evening from a book of their choice for at least 20 minutes. Reading is considered a very important part of the learning process, in particular, talking about what they have read will greatly enhance their understanding and help them to look for evidence to support their opinions and predictions of a text. Your support will be very important and greatly appreciated.

