



YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2020

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. Our IPC topics this term are – On Tap / Living together.

Dates for your diary

January 20th – 24th January – Enterprise Week.

January 20th – Financial education workshop.

February 3rd – Financial education workshop (2)

February 5th – SES water talk – why we need to save water.

February 14th – INSET DAY.

Half term – February 17th – 21st

February 24th – Financial education workshop (3)

March 5th – World book day.

March 9th – 13th – Science week

March 9th – Forensic crime workshop

March 13th – Sports Relief.

March 16th / 18th – Parent Meetings.

March 20th – Visit to Warner Brothers Harry Potter studio – linked to imaginary worlds in literacy.

April 3rd– Last day of term. Break up at 1.15pm

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. Please submit your home learning tasks when completed on a Wednesday and your home learning book will be returned on the Friday.

Year 4 will be taking an online times table test in June which will require them to be able to type an answer to a multiplication question in 6 seconds. We will be having a focus on learning times tables in class but it is really important that every child has an opportunity to practice times tables at home as regularly as possible. This term we are raising the profile of Times Table Rockstars and children will be rewarded for regular use. More details on this to follow.

P.E.

Our regular P.E. slot is scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays. It will be helpful if the named P.E. kit remains in school all week in case of timetable changes. 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 promptly 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 and a maths task linked to the week's learning. The expectation is that all children read each evening from a book of their choice for at least 20 minutes. Our reading reward scheme will continue this term. In order to get a prize, there needs to be evidence that your child has read 3 times a week (Monday – Monday) to an adult. If we see an adult has signed the reading diary / made a comment then your child will get a stamp in their diary. 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.

