**New Class Newsletter**

Dear Year 4 Parent/Carer,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 4 - we are very much looking forward to working with you all and supporting the children in working hard and making excellent progress over the coming year. As always, the Year 4 staff will be working to make sure the children learn in a fun and exciting way and we are looking forward to a number of special events that we are in the process of organising. Please remember that you do not have to wait until parents’ evening to get in touch. If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of school life, our door is always open.

**What makes the Earth angry?**

This term’s topic focuses on the natural disasters that can occur all over the world. The children will be examining volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and tsunamis whilst finding out why and how people choose to live in areas susceptible to being affected. We will plan, design and construct scale models of houses which could withstand an earthquake, before creating persuasive adverts that could be used to sell their houses. As part of this topic we are also planning on studying a natural disaster from closer to home, the Skinningrove floods, and learn how tragic events can affect our local area. If you have any expertise, knowledge or artefacts that could be of help with any of these topics, please get in touch.

**Homework**

Your child is expected to read at home to an adult at least three times per week and to record this in their reading record. Your child will be given a school reading book and a reading record to take home. Alongside this will be a weekly set of spellings. Every day in school, we will complete a 15 minute activity; the home spellings are so children can learn and consolidate their spellings and begin to use them independently in their writing. A spelling test will take place every Friday. Children will also receive termly homework grids containing extra-curricular tasks and challenges to help them further their learning independently. If you would like any advice on how to best help your child at home then we would be glad to meet you at your convenience.

**Medical Concerns**

Please ensure that the school has all up to date medical information needed for your child. If they have an inhaler or any other medication, then please check that these are ‘in date’ and in school. Over the course of the year we may have activities which involve children tasting food, cooking and baking. If your child has any allergies to food or ingredients, please make sure that we are aware of this.

**PE Kit**

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit into school every day. PE is scheduled to take place on a Thursday afternoon. However, activities in other curriculum areas will require the wearing of PE kits. During Autumn term they will need both indoor and outdoor kit.

We are really looking forward to a fantastic year teaching Year 4 and have some brilliant events planned to make this year memorable. We will be holding a parents’ consultation evening during the Autumn term. However, if there is anything at all that you would like to discuss in the meantime, please feel free to contact us. By maintaining a positive relationship and dialogue between parents and staff, we can ensure that your child gets the most out of their time in school.

We look forward to working with you over the course of this term.

Kind regards

Mr Bell