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Year 4 Newsletter Autumn 2020

Dear Parent,

A huge welcome back to school and welcome to Year 4.

We hope that you have had a brilliant and exciting summer break and your children are looking forward to coming back to school ready to learn. Last year was a very strange year for everyone but this year we are going to work super hard and ensure your child continues to shine. Autumn term is a busy but exciting term and has lots to offer and we are more than certain your child will make great progress in Year 4 while learning lots of new things.

Autumn Term Topics

In History this term we will be focusing on the 'Romans' and we will be looking in detail at how they invade Britain. After half term, our focus will change to Geography where we will be looking all around the world and how each part of Earth is different.

In English we will be looking at an adventure story called 'The Rainbow Bear' which I hope will bring out some amazing writing. Our science work will involve looking at Animals including Humans in Autumn 1 and Living things and their habitats in Autumn 2.

In PE this term, our children will have two hours of PE. Both hours of PE will be delivered by Mrs Bell who is an external PE provider we use. Please make sure your child has their PE kits in school every Thursday. If you prefer and I would recommend, you could bring it to school on a Monday and leave it at school for the week. Our swimming slot this year will be in the summer term.

Reading at home and in school

Separate information will be sent out to give you information about this terms 'Read for the Stars'. It is essential that pupils read at home to an adult at least three times a week and have their reading record signed accordingly. Children will also read weekly to adults in school, both in group sessions and individually. Children will change their books every Monday. We don't expect your child to read a book a night, a couple of pages is acceptable and this way your child won't get bored. Last year's reading parties were a huge success and we will be doing the same thing this term so get those three weekly reads in!





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School Trips

Due to recent events, we don't have an Autumn Term trip planned currently but I do aim to take the children out into the local area every few weeks to further our learning in school. More information will be sent out to you regarding this. Library visits will also take place at some point this term, again, more information will be sent out regarding this.

Homework

Homework in the Autumn Term will involve children learning their spellings, in preparation for their weekly test on a Friday morning, and completing their reading practice three times per week. In addition to this, pupils will receive a piece of Maths homework weekly. We are conscious that we do not wish to overburden our pupils but know that many of you enjoy completing extra activities with your children and we would encourage you to continue to do so – please feel free to carry out your own research about your child's topic. Something like a piece of artwork or a game is always great to share with the class and can add valuable contributions to our curriculum.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come into school and discuss them. Here's to another great term,

Thank you,

Mr Farrier and Miss Thompson.

