

Year 4 Newsletter - Autumn 1 2024

Hi, welcome to the first half term of Autumn – I am excited for the learning and experiences that the next 8 weeks will hold for our new Year 4s. If you have any concerns throughout the next half term, please make a telephone appointment or contact me on Class Dojo. As I am sure you have seen from our twitter pages, Year 4 have made a wonderful start to the year with lots of hard work. The children will have a great time learning a range of subjects and topics. I am very excited to teach them about the digestive system, Ordnance Survey maps and the artwork of William Pye!

Times Tables Rockstars

In preparation for the Year 4 Multiplication Check, we will be focusing on practising our times tables regularly at school. This will not only help the children feel more confident for the upcoming Multiplication Check later in the year, but it will also help them feel more confident in all areas of the maths curriculum. As part of Year 4's homework, your child should be logging on to Times Tables Rockstars at least three times a week for 5-10 minutes. Their login details will be in the front of their homework book.

Homework and Home Reading

Children need to continue to read at home. This is imperative to help improve their reading stamina and fluency. It should be enjoyable and therefore, if they read books that they have selected independently, or news articles that they have found interesting, then we want to hear about it. For their homework, children are expected to read for a minimum of 5 minutes every day with their reading logbook being signed by an adult. Children should bring their reading logbook to school every day – it will be checked and signed by a teacher every Thursday.

Extra homework challenges will be sent home in a homework book. These are to last the term and are to be completed at your pace. If your child wishes to bring these into school to show an adult, they are welcome to do so.

Music lessons

Every Thursday, Mr Higley from Hull Music Service will deliver the children's music lessons when they will be learning how to play the glockenspiel. This will be for the duration of Year 4 and at the end of the year, the children will be invited to participate in a concert showcase to perform the songs they have learned in their music lessons alongside lots of other schools in the city. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity!

PE days

With the weather becoming wetter and colder, please ensure the children have appropriate outdoor PE kit. This could be joggers. A sweatshirt or hooded top and trainers. This half term, our PE day will be **Tuesday**. If this day changes, I will inform you via ClassDojo.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Gibbins and Mrs Counter