



Class Newsletter Year 4

Autumn Term 2016



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Welcome to Year 4 Autumn term. This newsletter gives an outline of subjects we will be studying in Year 4 during the term. It also lists any forthcoming events.

Context for learning

This term we will be exploring the Romans and Celts, combining History, Literacy, Art and ICT. There are two main strands to this topic: What did the Romans do for us and were the Celts really so cut-throat?! We are looking forward to a visit from a theatre company, and a trip to Lullingstone Roman Villa on 3rd October (4HC, 4GS) and 12th October (4PB, 4CO) where we will experience what life was like in Roman London. Trip details to follow shortly.

RE

In RE, we are learning about Jewish beliefs and focussing on understanding the importance of the Jewish day of rest- *Shabbat*.

Swimming

Swimming will take place on Mondays for 4PB and 4CO and Tuesdays for 4HC and 4GS. Please ensure your child has the correct kit, including a swimming hat.

Drumming

The children's music curriculum in Year 4 will be covered through drumming lessons every Wednesday. You will be invited to performances through the year.

Literacy

Literacy learning will be based around high quality texts, which allow the children to practise writing in a variety of styles including narrative, poetry, description, debate, newspaper reports and diary entries. We continue to develop the children's phonics, spelling, handwriting, punctuation, grammar and speaking and listening skills. Drama also plays an important role in year 4 literacy.

Maths

In Maths, we will further extend the children's knowledge of place value, handling data and measures, calculating using the 4 operations, as well as problem solving. In addition, we will be building on the children's recall of times tables and related number facts.

Science

Our first Science topic this year is *Electricity*. We will be learning about simple circuits, the dangers of electricity and linking this to our DT project- making torches. After half term, our topic will be States of Matter where the children will explore solids, liquids and gases.

Outdoor PE takes place on **Wednesdays (4GS, 4HC) and Fridays (4CO, 4PB)**. Your child needs to wear a white round neck t-shirt, navy blue tracksuit bottoms and trainers. **PE kits should be left in school** to ensure your child is always prepared for lessons. Please could girls with long hair tie it up on P.E. days.

Home Learning :

The support you give at home makes a huge difference to your child's achievements at school.

Reading

Children are expected to read with an adult every day and complete a journal activity once a week. Your child's journal will be checked once a week. They must return one school book before taking another.

Homework

As well as reading, we will set maths homework from Mathematics on Fridays.

Allergies

Please be aware that many children in the school have severe allergies and therefore we are a nut-free school.



Dates for your diary:

Friday 16th September-4HC,4GS Parent Meeting (in 4HC)
Monday 19th September -4PB, 4CO Parent Meeting (in 4CO)
Monday 3rd October-Lullingstone Villa trip (4HC 4GS)
Tuesday 4th October-Individual photos
Friday 7th October-4PB, 4CO Assembly
Tuesday 11th October-Dads' Breakfast

Friday 14th October-4HC, 4GS Harvest Assembly
Wednesday 12th October-Lullingstone Villa trip (4PB, 4CO)
Monday 14th October-INSET day (school closed)
Tuesday 18th October - open Morning
Thursday 20th October-Parents' Evening
Mon 24th-Fri 28th October-Half Term

Christmas performance dates will be sent out soon.