

Class 4 Autumn 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

September 2025

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the coming year.

This year, the children will be taught by Mr Dyer on Mondays and Mrs Simpson on Tuesdays to Fridays, with support from Mrs Forth and Miss Barling. Mrs Odell will teach French and Mr Smith will teach PE once a week. Mr Dyer and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Meet the Teacher sessions on Thursday 11th September at 3.45pm and 4.30pm.

The context of this term's English and history will be World War Two where we shall be exploring a variety of aspects of the period, particularly what life was like for children. In addition, there will be an activity day linked to the history topic in Autumn 2 - more details to follow!

In maths, we will be building on the skills and work covered last year as well as learning new concepts. Focus this half term will be on place value and written methods of calculation. Children will routinely practise mental maths skills, including rapid recall of key facts and times tables which will be of particular importance. The National Curriculum requires that children should know their times tables up to 12x by the end of Year 4 and so all children in this year group will participate in statutory testing. This will take place in June, and more information will follow in due course. In the meantime, practising times tables, developing both accuracy and speed, will be an ongoing part of homework, as well as being covered regularly in class.

Science this half term will cover electricity and circuits. In art, children will use autumn leaves as inspiration for drawing, printing and paper sculptures. In RE, children will be investigating the life of Jesus. Computing will cover e-safety and animation linked to our geography work on mountains.

Each class takes the name of a well-known person who has made a significant contribution to the world and our culture. Throughout the year, class four will be learning about Charles Darwin.

This half term, PE will take place on Thursdays and Fridays. While the weather is good, we will be doing outdoor PE wherever possible so it would be helpful if children can bring additional layers such as a hoodie and joggers. If your child has long hair, please provide a bobble and stud earrings need to be removed or taped over in school at all times. Thank you.

Your child has a planner which will act as their reading record and home-school diary. Please look at it regularly and remind your child that the planner needs to come into school every day. Please write anything you wish to share with us as this can be a most practical and effective way of keeping in touch. Homework reinforces work in the classroom and will continue to be set at the start of each half term with a celebration of the children's work at the end. Your child will also have a reading book which contributes towards their general homework. Please take every opportunity to read with your child as this is crucial to develop their comprehension skills and confidence.

We will continue to use Spelling Shed for the teaching of spelling rules and to provide opportunities to practise, both in school and at home. The children will have a spelling test every Friday including most of the spellings set, plus others which follow the same rule to check for sound understanding.

Above all, we really hope your child will thrive and enjoy this year. If there are any problems or concerns, please let us know at the earliest opportunity.

Kind regards,
Class Four Team