Class 4 - Autumn 2: November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a very good Autumn break. We would like to take the opportunity to outline plans and key events for the rest of this term.

Our English work will focus on text rooted in non-fiction, including an account of Shackleton's Antarctic expedition and a journey through the evolution of planet Earth! We will continue to share stories set in WW2 during whole class reading and story time. Spelling will continue to cover the statutory rules for the year group, as well as revisiting previous learning. We encourage the children to use the Spelling Shed online resources as well as the activities given as homework, so thanks for supporting this as much as possible.

In maths, we will continue to work on written methods of calculation including application of these skills to word and measurement problems. Fluency of mental calculations and key number facts, including times tables, will also be practised on a regular basis. The children are encouraged to spend at least 20 minutes a week playing on Times Tables Rock Stars in the Garage area. We will be running informal English and maths assessments during this half term. These provide a summative update of your child's progress and help inform future learning. Importantly, they shouldn't be a source of worry, rather the children will be encouraged to "show what they know" and to simply do their best.

The children's knowledge of World War Two will be cemented with our history focus on the period, including our evacuation trip on Wednesday 25th November. Thank you for helping your child with costumes and gas mask boxes!

Science this half term will cover teeth and digestion. In design & technology, children will also have a focus on food by investigating, making and evaluating soups. In computing, we will be adding sound to a story about evacuation. In RE, children will be looking at Hindu family celebrations and Christmas.

On a festive note, we look forward to welcoming many of you to our Year 3 & 4 Christmas celebration. This is planned to take place in St Giles Church on the afternoon of Wednesday 16th December. More details to follow nearer the time. This half term, PE will continue to take place on Wednesdays and Fridays, but it would be appreciated if your child could have their kit in school at all times. If your child has long hair, please provide a bobble and stud earrings need to be removed or taped over. Thank you.

Parents' evenings will be taking place on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November for which booking information will be sent separately. We look forward to seeing you then. Please continue to use your child's planner to record reading at home, find the weekly spelling lists and use it as a home-school diary. Please look at it regularly and remind your child that the planner needs to come back to school every day.

Thank you.

As you can see, we are looking forward to a very busy but enjoyable half term. Nevertheless, if there are any problems or concerns, please let us know at the earliest opportunity.

key Dates for Autumn 2.

13th November – Children in Need dress down day

16th November – Odd sock day / Anti bullying week

17th & 18th November – Parents evening - 3.40-6.30pm

25th November – Y4 Trip to Pearlethorpe

27th November – Dress down day for Advent Fair

2nd December – Advent Fair – 3.45 – 5pm

14th December – Choir Performance

16th December – Y3 & Y4 Carol concert

17th December – Christmas Dinner / jumper day

18th December – Father Christmas visit / Last day of term

Kind regards,

Class Four Team