

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you enjoyed the break and some family time together. It's hard to believe we have completed a whole term in Year 4 already. I have been very impressed with the efforts of all the children and I am looking forward to seeing them flourish this term.

Curriculum:

In maths, our focus this term is multiplication and division facts, fractions, and decimals. We will be studying a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts in English and will be working hard on improving our use of punctuation, adverbials, and expanded noun phrases. Children will also be exploring new topics such as the geography of the UK, sound, rivers, and creating an electronic game.

Please take a look at the class topic web on the school website to find out more.

Residential trip:

An exciting part of the term that we are all looking forward to is our residential trip to Bristol on 18th and 19th April. I will be holding a meeting for parents in due course. If you have any queries in the meantime, please get in touch.

Keeping Active & Healthy

PE is every Thursday afternoon and is run by the Achieve 4 All sports coaches. Please make sure your child has the correct kit in school each week and that it is clearly labelled.

This term, our forest school sessions will focus on putting our geography learning of mapwork into practice and we will be doing some orienteering. **We will be outside as much as possible and therefore a waterproof coat is essential.** Children will also need old clothes and suitable footwear. Sessions will start on Friday 12th January and will run every other week, weather permitting. I will give lots of reminders to the children and on Class Dojo.

Home Learning

Times Tables:

Times tables knowledge is especially important for our Y4 children as they will be completing the national multiplication check this year. I will be teaching children lots of different strategies to learn their tables, and we will be practising using online games as well as using written methods. It is essential that children practise their times tables at home and I will be setting this as a weekly homework task.

Reading:

Our expectation is for every child to read at home every day, recording their reading in their reading diary. Reading for pleasure will help develop your child's vocabulary, communication, concentration, empathy and imagination. Children should be reading at home for at least 15 minutes every day. Within school, children will read 1-1 with an adult, independently, and in guided reading sessions.

Spelling:

Spellings need to be part of the weekly routine for home learning. Each child will continue to have a login to Spelling Shed to practise spellings and revise patterns and rules. These rules will be taught

in class on Monday and recapped and practised throughout the week. Home learning should be completed by the following Monday and will be checked by myself.

Communication:

Communication between home and school is essential for the wellbeing and learning of your child. Please use Class Dojo to send any messages. If you have an urgent request, then please telephone the school office. I am more than happy to telephone you to discuss any concerns or queries you may have in more detail.

I hope the children are looking forward to what is going to be a busy and exciting term ahead. Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes

Miss Blake & the Year 4 team