

# Year 4 Newsletter

## Term 1

Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to welcome you and your child into Blue Class. September is always an exciting time of the year as we all get to know each other and settle into new ways of working and learning.

If you feel that there is anything important that we need to know about your child in order to help them settle quickly into Year 4, then please let us know by emailing the school office. Any medical needs are particularly important. Please let us know if there are different arrangements for your child, for example if someone other than a parent or main carer is collecting them, via an email. If there is an ongoing arrangement, whereby a grandparent or other adult will pick up on a regular basis, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can record this in the classroom. Even if it has been an arrangement with a previous teacher, please tell us to avoid any confusion and unnecessary phone calls.

PE days are every Thursday, plus alternate Mondays and Fridays. Children can wear their kit to school on PE days. See the table below for dates. We will do our best to remind children each week. Please do not worry if your child is not in the correct kit on one day. Please ensure long hair is tied up and earrings can either be removed or can be covered with tape.

w/b 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday	Friday
w/b 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Thursday	Monday
w/b 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Thursday	Friday
w/b 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Thursday	Monday
w/b 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Thursday	Friday
w/b 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Thursday	Monday
w/b 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Thursday	Friday

### Adults in the classroom

On a Monday or Friday afternoon, the children will take part in PE lead by Mr Wilson, when he covers either Mrs Foley's or Mrs Sheldrick's PPA time.

### What will we be learning in Year 4?

On the accompanying Topic Web, you will find an overview of the topics that we will be studying this term. Our main focus for homework will be **daily reading, spelling and times tables practise**, but if your child is keen to do more, then they are welcome to carry out research on these topics at home. This is always welcomed in school and will be celebrated in class. We will be using Google Classroom to communicate between home and school and also to showcase and celebrate achievements and projects completed in and outside of school. Please let the office know, if you have trouble logging on to Google Classroom.

### Supporting your child at home

#### **Reading**

Through the first week, your child will have chosen a reading book in an appropriate book band. Children will be reading regularly in class through our whole class reading sessions and with an adult 1:1, when possible. It is important they are also sharing and enjoying books most days at home too. See the homework document for some ideas on how to enjoy books together with your child.

#### **Times Tables**

The children will be revisiting previously learnt times tables throughout this term and exploring x 6 multiplication and division facts. It is important the children are practising times tables every day – this can include chanting them, rote learning multiple times, writing fact families ( $2 \times 4 = 8$ ,  $4 \times 2 = 8$ ,  $8 \div 2 = 4$ ,  $8 \div 4 = 2$ ) or using on-line games and resources. We expect children to be using Times Tables Rock Stars at home 5 times a week – particularly Sound Check.

#### **Spellings**

A list of the spelling patterns we will be focusing on for Term 1 is also on the school website and Google Classroom. On a Friday, we will review and assess what we have learnt, using dictated sentences. Please practise these spellings at home with your child to prepare them for Friday.

#### **Homework**

See the whole school homework letter which is on the website and on Google Classroom.

We hope your child will be very happy in Year 4 as we work together to meet their individual needs.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Foley and Mrs Sheldrick  
Blue Class teachers