

Year 4 Newsletter

Term 2

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! It was great to see the children settled in well last term and showed more resilience and stamina as the term progressed. They were also getting used to the routines and expectations of Year 4. We are confident that this conscientious effort will continue as we move towards the end of this year.

Please let us know if there are different home-time 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 keep a record.

PE

PE days with the sport's coach will continue to be alternate Mondays and Fridays, starting in **week 1 on a Monday**, when Mr Wilson will be taking the class. **Swimming sessions** at Longwell Green Leisure Centre start on **Monday 27th November** and continue every afternoon for 2 weeks. This block of lessons replaces the Thursday PE slot for Term 2 only. When we start swimming, the children will need to wear their swimming kit under their school uniform, if possible and bring a towel, underwear and goggles in a bag / backpack. Please ensure long hair is tied up and earrings either be removed or covered with tape.

What will we be learning in Year 4 this term?

On the accompanying Topic Web, you will find an overview of the topics that we will be studying this term. Any research that your child would like to do on these topics at home is welcomed and shared in class. We will be using Google Classroom to communicate between home and school and to show-case and celebrate achievements and projects completed in and outside of school.

Supporting your child at home

Homework

As in Term 1, homework focuses on learning times tables, practising TTRS for 20 minutes a week, reading 5 times a week and practising the weekly spellings. Please support and encourage your child with this. Thank you.

Spellings

A list of the spelling patterns we will be focusing on for Term 2 will be on the school website and Google Classroom. On a Friday, we will review what we have learnt, using dictated sentences. Please encourage your child to practise the spelling words as part of their weekly homework.

Reading

Children will be reading regularly with an adult in class and it is important they are also sharing and enjoying books at home too. Please listen to your child read between 5 times a week – this will help to develop fluency and expression, but it is also vital for developing comprehension skills, asking questioning about what has been read. Encourage your child to try different genres of book, including non-fiction and of course also read to your child and let your child see you reading for pleasure.

Times Tables

The children will be learning x7, x9, x11 and x 12 tables this term, as well as recalling previously learnt multiplication facts. We cannot emphasise enough how important it is that the children are practising times tables every day. Please look out for alerts about tournaments and challenges taking place on TTRS and support your children to complete the TTRS homework each week.

Dates for the diary:

17/11/2023:	Trip to the library (Adult helpers needed)
24/11/2022:	Inset Day
27/11/2023:	Swimming starts every day for 2 weeks (Two adult helpers will be needed to accompany the children to and from the leisure centre).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Foley and Mrs Sheldrick
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