

# Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 1

## Welcome back!

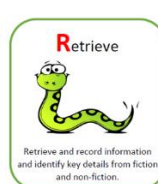
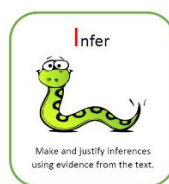
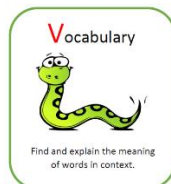
Mr Redhead and Mrs Tansey hope you have had a lovely summer break and are ready for the term ahead. We have lots of exciting topics to study this term.

## Spelling and Reading



We have spelling lessons each Wednesday and Friday. Children will be given new spellings each week to be practised at home.

The adults in our class love to read, we hope you do too. This year we will continue to use Reading Vipers to help us with our guided reading. These can be used at home when reading too. In our guided reading lessons this term we will be focusing on the vocabulary, infer and retrieve vipers.



## Writing



We will link our History and Geography work to our English writing. This half term we are learning how to write instructions and the many elements they include. Our topic is 'Why did the Romans invade Britain?' and the children write their own instructions to the Celtic and Roman people to tell them how to do a chosen task.

## Maths



In maths this term we will look at place value of digits up to 10000, measure and the mental and formal written methods of the four operations: addition and subtraction, multiplication, and division.

## Science



Our science topic is 'In a State'. In this topic we will look at how we can classify solids and liquids as well as conducting experiments about the rate solids dissolve. We will also investigate evaporation of water and rain fall.

## Computing

In computing we will be learning to use technology to experiment and compose a piece of music. In addition the children will learning about the benefits of using technology, how to reduce risks to themselves when online and what is appropriate when using, referring and presenting the work of other, including plagiarism.



## Geography/History

In history we will be learning 'Why did the Romans invade Britain?'. We will look at life in Celtic Britain, the invasions of Britain by Romans, how archaeologists use different sources to piece together a picture of what life could have been like 2000 years ago. We also explore the structure of the Roman army, the Roman Empire and some of the lasting impacts still seen in Britain today. In geography we will learn about the River Nile, its uses and the settlements along it. Next term we will begin learning about Biomes in Geography.

## MFL

In French we will be looking at school and subjects. We will learn to speak as well as write sentences about this in French.

## Music

In music each week we listen and appraise a different song and learn to perform it using glockenspiels. We will also be learning to read music and later in the term will be learning to play Samba drums.



## PE

Tuesday – Outdoor PE

Thursday – Indoor PE



On PE days please wear **tracksuit bottoms** or **shorts** and an **academy PE**. Don't forget to wear **trainers**.

## Homework Project



**Spelling homework** will be set each week and a check every Friday morning.

**Maths homework** – The focus will be on times tables and access to Times Tables Rockstars. A device such as laptop, ipad, phone, or games console with internet access will be required. Please contact me if help in this area is needed.

**National Multiplication Table Check (MTC)** - Your child will sit the National MTC in June. To help support and build up to this we will focus home learning to support class based activities. Any frequent supplementary support and encouragement given at home will benefit the progression of your child's learning.

For further information download the MTC document found on the Year 4 class page.

If children are unsure about any part of their homework they should ask an adult on either Friday or Monday so we can help them.



**Skills Builder**

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



**Times Tables Rockstars**



**Spelling Shed**



**Rewards**

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



**Class information**

**Class Teacher:** Mr Redhead

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Tansey

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and when the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

**Dates for the diary!**



Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Autumn Term starts

Postponed New date to be announced – Year 4 parents welcome meeting

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Individual school photographs

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' evenings

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – school closes for Half Term