

Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 2 2023

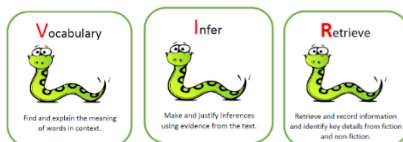
Mr Redhead and Mrs Windsor hope you enjoy a wonderful half term break. We have lots of exciting topics to study this next half term.



Spelling and Reading

We have spelling lessons each Wednesday and Friday. Children will be given new spellings each week to be practised at home using EdShed – <http://play.edshed.com> Your child has their own password.

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

This half term the children are learning how to write an explanation text as well developing their knowledge of using verbs and conjunctions.



Maths

In maths this term the children will continue to their development of adding and subtraction to 10000. Children will be using mental and formal written methods of the four operations: addition and subtraction, multiplication, and division



Science

Our science topic is 'classification of plants and animals' In this topic the children will study the key groups of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.



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 Geography this half term our theme is 'Mediterranean Europe'. We be expanding existing knowledge of Europe and use of maps. In History will continue learning about the Anglo-Saxons & Vikings and their impact on the UK.



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. We will learn the days of the week and months of year.



Music

In music Children will continue learning the Ukulele each week.



PE Tuesday & Thursday – Outdoor (as weather permits) On PE days please wear **tracksuit bottoms** or **shorts** and an **academy PE**. Remember to wear **trainers**.



Homework

Each week your child should complete the 3 following activities:



4-5 x Home reading sessions with an adult – Quick note recorded in diary.
A mixture of Big Cat online e-books and the read book we change each week.



30 minutes -TT Rockstars multiplication practice.



Ed Shed Spelling practice - Minimum 2-3 sessions each week.
We have our weekly spelling check each Friday



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 Windsor

So we can help you, 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**.
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 30th October – School closes – teacher training day
- Tuesday 31st October - School starts term 2
- Tuesday 2nd November – PTA Halloween disco
- Friday 1st December – School closed – teacher training day
- Wednesday 6th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas concert
- Wednesday 20th December - School closes for Christmas holiday