

# Y4 Newsletter

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## Welcome Back!

A big welcome to all of our new Year 4 pupils. We are really looking forward to the year ahead and have a lot of exciting things happening this year.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Legg to the team, who will be teaching Class 10. Class 12 will be taught by Miss Rogers and Class 11 will be taught by Mr Appleyard.

The teaching assistants are Miss Merritt in Class 12, Mr Thornton in Class 11 and Mrs May in Class 10.

Children from Y4 upwards have the option to walk home on their own and parents can sign a form at the office to give permission for this if they do so wish.

## Important Things for children to remember:

**Homework** - will go out either on Thursdays or Fridays and will be collected on a Monday. Homework club is available on Mondays at break time.

**P.E.** Class 12 will have P.E on Tuesdays and Fridays. Class 10 and 11 will have PE on Mondays and Fridays.

## Autumn Term Learning in Year 4

### English

We will be basing a lot of our English work around our Misty Mountain Sierra topic this term. This will include opportunities for the children to write a narrative story, some persuasive writing and non-chronological reports.

### Spelling

Children will often receive spellings to learn at home alongside their normal homework on Fridays. They will be tested on this the following week - speak to your child's teacher for further information about spellings.



### Maths

We will be looking at place value as well as column methods for addition and subtraction. We will also spend some time on exploring properties of 2D shapes. Children can be practising their times tables at home. A great online resource for this can be found at

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

### Learning Contexts

We are really excited to introduce a new topic this year, entitled "Misty Mountain Sierra". We will be launching this topic with a visit to Captain Cook's Monument very early on - see the back page for more information about this!



Following this, we will be learning all about the Romans in "I Am Warrior" in the second half of the term.



## Start and End of School Arrangements

The doors are opened each morning at 8:45am and during this time, children will be provided with a range of morning activities to enhance their, reading, writing and maths skills. The register is taken at 8:55am and any children arriving after this time are late and should report to the school office, coming into school via the main entrance.

Parents and carers can collect their children from the main doors outside the office at 3pm. There will always be teachers present if you have any questions about your child.

Does the office have your most up to date details?



## Educational Visit to Captain Cook's Monument.

We are launching our new topic by taking the children to Captain Cook's Monument in the second week (week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> September). In order for everyone to be able to go, we will be sending the consent forms out in the first week. Once you have completed these and returned them to the office, your child has permission to attend all educational visits throughout the year. Please return this as soon as you can so that your child can attend the visit.

## Y4 Reading Targets

Children have the opportunity to earn certificates and prizes if they reach certain reading targets through the year. A comment and a signature from someone at home will count towards the total amount of times that a child has read. Here are the targets for our children:

**Bronze: 10 (pencil)**

**Silver: 25 (gel pen and book)**

**Gold: 50 (book)**

**Platinum: 100 (small prize)**

**Diamond: 150 (large prize)**



Each child is presented with a certificate and prize during reading assembly.

## Swimming

Later this term, the Y4 children will be going swimming in two separate fortnightly blocks. The first of these will begin on the 26<sup>th</sup> September. After this, there will be a second session beginning on the 14<sup>th</sup> November. Your child will need a swimming costume/trunks and a towel for these sessions. Please do not let your child get their ears pierced between now and the sessions as they cannot enter the swimming pool with pierced ears.



## How can I help at home?

We ask that parents and carers continue to support their child's learning in a number of ways:-

**Talk to your child** each day about what they have been doing at school, what they have learned and what they are looking forward to the next day.

**Support your child with their homework tasks.** Homework is usually sent home on a Friday and we ask that it is returned by the following Monday. Homework tasks are planned for you and your child to complete together. If you have any questions about the homework tasks set please ask your child's class teacher or TA.

**Listen to your child reading.** Ideally, pupils should read every day with a signature in their reading record from an older family member.

