



Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome to Year 4! We hope you had a wonderful summer and the children are ready for an action-packed term. This half term, our value is **COMMUNITY**. After half term our value will be **PEACE**.

English

This year we will continue to focus on the application of accurate grammar and punctuation in reading and writing. Much of this work will be taught through high quality texts which afford the children a range of opportunities to explore concepts and the use of language through drama, art and role play in addition to extending their reading and writing skills. Guided Reading sessions will focus on the children's comprehension skills. We expect all children to read regularly at home and ask that yellow reading diaries "live" in school bags so they can be accessed at school and at home. We encourage the children to write about their reading in these books and we appreciate your comments about their progress.

Maths

We will begin our work in Maths this term by recapping and extending our knowledge of place value, up to at least 1000. This is a key mathematical concept and plays an important role in helping children to understand and progress in all other areas of number. This term we will also look at decimals and the relationship between decimals and fractions. Through the year the children will continue to learn their times tables (all the way up to the 12s) and become much faster at finding the answer to multiplication and other mental Maths questions. We will also be focusing on the application of the knowledge and methods we teach, using word problems and by challenging the children to provide their own examples and to explain how they know an answer is correct.

R.E

This will continue to be taught across KS2 on Tuesday afternoons. This term, the children will be learning about **Hinduism**, in particular, the daily practices and what life is like as a Hindu. After half term, we will be thinking about the concept of **Wisdom** and in the run up to Christmas, our unit is called **Jesus and the gift of Peace**.

Geography

During Geography lessons this term, we will be concentrating on, locating features on a world map, understanding/describing how the world has been represented on maps for different purposes and at different times, Prime Meridian and the International Date Line and time zones. After half term we will be looking into weather and climate and understanding the difference between them.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent home on Friday and should be handed back in by the following Wednesday. It will consist of an English & Maths task and daily reading.

PPA

My weekly non-contact time will be on a Friday. The children will be taught by Mrs Boyle for half a day. This day will follow the usual routine.

High Ashurst - 29th September - 1st October 2021

Gates will be open at **7:45am**, the coach will arrive at **8am** and will be departing as soon as possible. The coach will be picking us up from High Ashurst at **4:30pm**, we anticipate being back by **approximately 5:15pm**. The children should wear jogging bottoms/leggings, t-shirt, sweatshirt/hoodie and trainer/walking shoes and a waterproof jacket. On each day, please send your child in with a (nut-free) packed lunch, water bottle and a spare set of clothes and trainers. These days will be long for the children, but very exciting!

Wellbeing

This year PE will be taught by myself and falls under the Wellbeing strand. **Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school on Monday.** School PE kit consists of navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms, yellow PE T-shirt, trainers and socks (girls should not wear tights during PE sessions). Please ensure all items are named. All jewellery should be removed before the session. On a Monday we will start with a wellbeing session discussing topic such as Lifestyle Choices including, healthy diet and taking responsibility for our actions. We will also be looking at the importance of good quality sleep and how it affects our wellbeing. We shall also be developing our bug hotel and studying the bugs within. During our PE lessons we will be concentrating on tag rugby and cross country.

Arts

In Art lessons, we begin the year with a focus on developing the children's drawing and painting skills, including studying the work of Picasso. In music we use the Charanga music programme and this term's units are Mamma Mia! In French we will be following the Sault! programme and consolidating the work done in Year 3. They will learn vocabulary concerning school and home and practice speaking and writing in class.

Science, Computing and Design Technology

During Science this term our topics will be **Sound and State of Matter**. The children will recognise that sounds are made through vibration. They will find patterns between the pitch of a sound and the features of the object that produced it. After half term, we will be learning about **States of Matter**. This will involve comparing and grouping materials according to whether they are solid, liquid or gas. In computing this term we will use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content.

History

This term the children will be studying *The Ancient Greeks*. The children will learn when and where the civilisations of Ancient Greece took place, comparing the Greek alphabet to our own, and retelling the story of the Trojan Horse. After half term, we will be doing a lot of work on Greek Myths, including the myth of Perseus and Medusa and Hades and Persephone.

Key Dates

29.09.21 - 01.10.20: High Ashurst activity day
14.10.21 - Harvest Service (Christ Church)
25.10.20 - 29.10.20: Half Term
26.11.21 - Inset Day: School closed to children
30.11.21 - St Andrew's Day
30.11.21 - 03.12.21: Parents' Evening
15.12.21 - Christmas Lunch
16.12.21 - Christmas Service (Christ Church)
17.12.20 - Last Day of Term

Uniform

Please adhere to the school's uniform policy, which can be found on the website. As the winter closes in, please ensure your child brings a named coat daily. Wellies are also advised for our outdoor learning. Please ensure all items of clothes are named.

And finally...

Please send a note in with your child in the morning if there are any changes to your child's normal routine. If you would like to speak with any of us more privately, please let us know or contact the school office to arrange an appointment. Please do keep an eye on the school website that lists all the key dates for the autumn term.

We look forward to teaching your children this year.
Mr Proffitt & Mrs Hickey.

