



Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017

Welcome back to school. The year has got off to a great start! We are all looking forward to a successful, positive year.

During our **Maths** lessons, we will be focussing on place value of numbers, written methods of calculation and solving word problems. This term we will begin by focusing on mental addition and subtraction and then concentrate on mental multiplication and division. Other topics will include measures (time, length, weight and capacity) graphs and fractions.

In **Literacy** this term, the children will be reading a range of fables, looking at the features of these and then using this knowledge to write our own. We will learn how to use speech punctuation accurately and develop a range of ways to begin sentences. The children will be continuing to take part in weekly comprehension and grammar sessions.



Homework - We would like to remind you that it is important that you encourage your child to read a variety of texts at least five times a week and help them to learn their spellings. As part of their homework, the children are expected to use their spellings in context by writing different sentences. In addition to this they will receive



either a Numeracy or Literacy piece of homework every Friday.

This needs to be handed in the following Wednesday. We also encourage your child to show evidence of times tables practise in their homework book.

In **Art** the children will be working alongside our artist Emma Wilde and learning how to paint 2D African pictures.



This half term, **PE** will consist of basketball and badminton.

Please ensure that their PE kit is in the appropriate school colours and has their name in. The children will need their PE kits on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



This term in **Science**, we will learning about how muscles work and where they can be found in our bodies. The children will learn that there are two types of muscles. They will learn the names of the different types of teeth and how to look after them. They will be able to describe the function of the digestive system.

In **Music**, Year 4 will take part in keyboard lessons. These will continue on a Wednesday and involve singing and playing. We hope that children will become more confident with both hands on the keyboard.



Amazing Africa

Our topic for this term is Africa. The children will be learning lots about the continent including its countries, climate and the different food they eat. They will be comparing the country to England. They will also be looking at the history of the continent.

We hope that your child has an enjoyable first term in Year 4. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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