



Year 4 – Blue Class Newsletter – Summer Term 2022

28th April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! We were so proud of all that your children achieved last term and especially of the kindness and support they showed to one another during our performance. We're sure you will agree they were all fantastic and it was very special to see them together on stage after such a long time. We hope that you all had a lovely Easter holiday and are ready for our busy and exciting final term of Year 4!

Curriculum

This term under our topic area we will be learning about the achievements of the Vikings and their legacy in History and in Geography we will consider some of the issues surrounding supplying clean drinking water to a growing global population. Our DT and Art this term will link in with these topics as will some of our RE discussions. The **Medium-Term Overview** provides more details about the English, Maths and Science focus areas for this term. In terms of reading, all children are expected to bring to school with them their reading books and green reading records every day and should be reading at home to an adult or older sibling regularly. It would be lovely to see some comments in the reading records from parents when children have read independently at home, as well as comments from the children.

Homework

As well as reading at home, maths and spelling homework will continue to be set once a week. Those children who have been practicing spellings at home and school via the cued spelling programme, please bear with us whilst we get the new spelling programme (Skatepark) up and ready – we are just awaiting staff training on this; I will find alternative spellings to go home until the programme is up and running.

Occasionally, other pieces of homework may be set, linked to a topic that we are studying. Homework will be put on the Year 4 Google Classroom every Friday and **needs to be turned in or books handed in by the following Tuesday**, unless alternative instructions are given on Google Classroom. Paper copies of the homework are always available should a child wish to read/complete the work on paper rather than online. Please encourage your child to complete their homework to the best of their ability and to return it on time.

Times Tables

There continues to be a big focus on learning all the times tables off by heart in Y4 and the children will be completing a national online test from the week beginning 5th June. Please can you continue to support your child at home to try and secure the times table facts to their long-term memory.

TTRS and the Maths Frame Multiplication Check are all used by the children in school, but please can you make sure the children are practising them at home too. The multiplication check replicates the national test with 25 random questions and 6 seconds to answer but the children can alter the time/ focus in this programme to gain confidence.

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

Also any other ways the children can learn (chanting, / sticky notes around the house with a fact a day/ games with digit cards) will be really helpful. This regular over learning will help the children remember and recall the facts with accuracy and increased speed over time. Thank you for your support.

PE and Swimming: Swimming for Y4 continues this term on Mondays. Please could you make sure your child has a swimming hat and wears clothes that are easy for them to get changed into. PE is also on Tuesday. However, **PE kits** should be in school every day as we do occasionally have sessions on other days. The kit should include the Camp School P.E. top or a white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit trousers, and a pair of plimsolls/trainers to change into. During the school day the class will complete the daily mile on the school's running track. Please make sure that your child always has a water bottle in school that they can use for PE lessons.

Best wishes, The Year 4 team