



Year 4, Blue Class – Autumn Term Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

We have had a lovely start to Year 4, the children have come in with so much enthusiasm for learning with fantastic attitudes towards their lessons. We have been focussing on our PSHCE topic 'settle in to learn' to help us talk about class rules, routines, and our feelings about starting the new school year.

Teachers:

This year Lily Charnock will be teaching on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday alongside Sophia Mowatt and Caroline Milton and Alison Holliday will be teaching on a Tuesday.

Curriculum:

Children in year 4 will be studying all subjects in the national curriculum. In our history topic we will be looking at Romans in Britain and are hoping to book a school trip exploring local Verulamium to link in with this unit. In Geography we will be focusing on our map and atlas skills through our topic of Europe and the Alps. The **medium-term overview** provides more details about the English, maths, and science focus areas for this term.

Reading:

In year 4 we are aiming to have a big focus on reading and encouraging the students' love for reading as it is such a vital skill for the children. Children are expected to bring in their reading books and reading records every day and should also be reading at home to an adult or older sibling regularly. When reading with your children please ask questions about the book which practises inference and comprehension. It would be wonderful to see comments from adults in the reading record when children have read independently or with you.

Homework:

As well as reading at home, maths and spelling homework will usually be set once a week. 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 via Google Classroom, or handed in if work has been completed in the homework book, by the following Tuesday, unless alternative instructions are given on Google Classroom. If appropriate, paper copies of the homework will be available should a child wish to 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:

In year 4 learning our times tables is a big priority as these key facts form a basis of most future maths. We will be doing lots of practice at school in class but continuing this practice at home will be amazing for the Childrens' progress. Using TTRS is an easy way to get this quick practice in.

PE Kits

We will have PE on Monday and Thursday. However, PE kits should be in school every day, and 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. On Mondays we will be swimming at Westminster Lodge, children will need appropriate swim wear as well as a swim hat and towel. 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