



Year 4 – Blue Class Newsletter – Spring Term 2024

12th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break and are ready for our new term full of lots of exciting learning.

Curriculum

Children in Year 4 will be studying all subjects in the National Curriculum. This term under our topic area we will be learning about the achievements of Anglo Saxons and their struggle for the kingdom of England. We are continuing our focus on Europe by comparing the geographical features of The Alps with our home region.

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 reading records every day and should be reading at home to an adult or older sibling regularly. Children should make sure that an adult or themselves documents their reading with a comment in their reading records.

Homework

As well as reading at home, maths and spelling homework will continue to be set once a week. Homework will be sent home in their books every Thursday and needs to be turned in by the following Tuesday, unless alternative instructions are given on Google Classroom. Please encourage your child to complete their homework to the best of their ability and to return it on time.

Times Tables

There is a big focus on learning all the times tables off by heart in Y4 so please can you continue to support your child at home to try and secure the times table facts to their long term memory. TTTRS / Purple Mash are used by the children in school, but any ways you can help (chanting, / sticky notes around the house with a fact a day/ games with digit cards) will be really helpful. Any songs/games we use at school will be linked on our google classroom as we use them. 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 to be on Mondays and all the children are enjoying their weekly sessions. Please could you make sure your child has a swimming hat and wears clothes that are easy for them to get changed into. Our class PE session will remain on a 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. 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