

YEAR 4 AUTUMN 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing Summer- I know from talking to the children that they have had a fun filled break, catching up with family and friends which sounded lovely. Mrs Harrison feels very lucky to be teaching the class again and along with Mrs Robertshaw, is looking forward to making more memories together as we learn this year.

This year, Mrs Harrison will teach Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Robertshaw will teach on a Thursday and Friday. We are also very fortunate that we will have Mrs Middleton teaching art and DT, as well as some PE. Year 4 will be supported in their learning this year by Mrs Caldwell and Mrs Bartolotta.

In English this half term, we will be studying the well-known author Roald Dahl, where we will be writing a biography. We will also be looking at the book 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward, creating character and setting descriptions. The children will also write an explanation text within science.

We will have a specific grammar focus each week where we will look nouns and pronouns, conjunctions, and adverbials. We will also continue to practise the Year 3/4 spelling words, homophones and spelling rules. Watch out for our brand new spelling scheme being launched – the children will have fun, interactive ways to practice at home!

In maths this half term we will consolidate and extend our knowledge of place value, addition and subtraction. Every maths lesson will include fluency, reasoning and problem-solving elements and there will be plenty of opportunity to apply what we have learnt in real life scenarios. Every Monday, the maths lesson will be focused on arithmetic skills, mental maths and times tables. The children will have regular opportunities to practise their times tables each week.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please visit our website to see our knowledge organisers.

Please don't hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,
Mrs Harrison and Mrs Robertshaw



Important Days

Monday:

Spelling test

Tuesday:

Swimming

Thursday:

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

Friday:

Reading books changed

Important Dates

13/9/23 – Year 4 trip

20/9/23 – Year 4 curriculum parent meeting via Zoom @ 4pm

21/9/23 – Open the Book assembly

21/9/23 – individual photographs

24/9/23 – family mass in church @ 11am

29/9/23 – Macmillan Coffee Morning @ 2:30pm

WB 2/10/23 - Whole school 'Ready Steady Read' sponsored read

5/10/23 – Rosary Day

6/10/23 – Harvest Festival @ 2:30pm

13/10/23 – Y4 and Y1 shared mass in church @ 9:30am

24/10/23 – Parents' Evening 4pm – 6:30pm

25/10/23 – Y4 class assembly @9:15am

26/10/23 - Parents' Evening 4pm – 6:30pm

26/10/23 – school closes

