

# YEAR 4 AUTUMN 2

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2021



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we love, grow and learn."

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school. It was lovely to see so many of you at parents' evening and celebrate how well the children have settled in Year 4. This half term our curriculum is packed full of knowledge and we will be busy!

In English, we will be using a picture book which follows the story of an old man who, when faced with tidying the outside rubbish daily, dreams of a more beautiful world. Through this text, we will be working towards writing a setting description and personal narrative. Our grammar focus when reading this text will be speech punctuation, expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials. In addition, we will have specific whole class reading sessions each week. We will also continue to work on spelling patterns and practise the Year 3/4 spelling words and homophones.

In history, we are travelling back in time to explore Ancient China as we discover what archaeologists have learnt about the Shang Dynasty.

In maths this half term, we will be looking at addition, subtraction, perimeter, area, multiplication and division. 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 see our knowledge organisers.

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

Many thanks,  
Mrs Wray

### Important Days

#### **Monday:**

Reading books changed  
PE lesson (come in PE kit)

#### **Friday:**

Spelling Test

### **Important Dates**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
**9.30am**  
Whole school Mass

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
Odd Socks Day

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November**  
Northern Ballet

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
Non-uniform day for Children  
in Need

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November**  
**9.15am**  
Y4 Class assembly

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**  
Y4 to church

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
**2pm**  
Y4 Advent Workshop

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas jumper and  
Christmas dinner day

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 5pm**  
KS2 Carol Service

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Party Day

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am**  
Whole school Mass led by Y4



