



Year 4 Term 5 Newsletter

As the weather shows signs of improvement, we are looking forward to the Summer term in year 4. We have a lot of exciting learning ahead, so please do spend some time reading our Curriculum Overview, which outlines the main focus this term in each subject. This term we have more forest school sessions, and hope to spend some more time outdoors as part of our science learning on exploring habitats. If you are able to support this topic by spending time with your child in different environments and looking at different plants and animals beyond the school, this would be great. Photos on dojo are always welcome.

Reading

Quality reading time is built into each school day, but we do also encourage all children to read for at least 15 minutes each day at home, sharing this reading with an adult.

We have timetabled library slots so that children can change reading books regularly, and we ask that the children complete an AR quiz after each book where possible. The site can be accessed by following the link under curriculum on the school website. We would also hope that all children could find a little time to spend on Reading Eggs at home, where they can access a variety of e-books through the library.

Spelling

Children will continue to be set spellings on <https://readingeggspress.co.uk/> each week and will be given a spelling test on 10 of the practised words on the following Monday. This list will be available on dojo each week, as well as through the site itself. We would hope that all children can complete each assignment as it does not take very long, and the children who have already started doing this have shown much success and enjoyment. Please do ask your class teacher if you are unsure of your child's spelling group or login details.

Times Tables

In year 4, we teach times tables regularly; it is nationally expected that by the end of year 4, children should know all times tables facts up to 12x12, to allow them to be ready to access the year 5 curriculum. Alongside targeted teaching of core fact, we will use Times Tables Rockstars in school to support your child's learning, but please do encourage them to use this site to continue their practise at home. <https://trockstars.com/> Further maths practice can be done through Mathletics.

Equipment

Essential learning time is lost when children do not have the necessary equipment for lessons. As minimum, please can all children come to school with:

Blue handwriting pen

Pencil

Glue stick

Further useful equipment is:

Ruler, Sharpener, rubber, purple biro, colouring pencils.

Equipment is available to purchase at the school office.

Finally, please ensure your child comes to school each day with a water bottle for use in class. **This should only contain water.**

Our P.E day is Thursday. Please send children into school in their P.E kits on this day.

This term we have FOREST SCHOOL, therefore children should arrive in suitable clothes for this activity. (Possums and Sharks on Wednesdays; Capybaras and Jackrabbits on Fridays)

We are here to help, so please let us know if you have any concerns by chatting when you collect your child, sending a message via dojo, or by contacting the school office. We will always aim to return calls and answer queries as quickly as possible.