



## Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome to Year 4! We hope you had a wonderful summer and the children are ready for an action-packed term. This half term, our value is **COMMUNITY**. After half term our value will be **PEACE**.

### English

This year we will continue to focus on the application of accurate grammar and punctuation in reading and writing. Much of this work will be taught through high quality texts which afford the children a range of opportunities to explore concepts and the use of language through drama and role play in addition to extending their reading and writing skills. Guided Reading sessions will focus on the children's comprehension skills. We expect all children to read regularly at home and ask that yellow reading diaries are kept in school bags so they can be accessed at school and at home. We encourage the children to write about their reading in these books and we appreciate your comments about their progress.

### R.E

This term, the children will be learning about **Hinduism**, in particular, the daily practices and what life is like as a Hindu. After half term, we will be thinking about the concept of **Wisdom** and in the run up to Christmas, the unit is **Jesus and the gift of Peace**.

### Homework

Homework will be set online every Friday and can be worked on throughout the week. It will consist of **daily reading** of 15 to 20 minutes, **spelling** which will be set on 'Purple Mash' and **times tables** using the platform 'Times Tables Rock Stars'. Every Friday afternoon, the children will have a spelling and times table test based on their learning that week.

### Maths

This term we shall be focusing on four areas: **Place Value** - In Year 3, the children learned in Year 3 how to represent numbers to 1,000 - a concept that will be reinforced and built upon as the children begin to explore numbers over 1,000.

**Addition and Subtraction** - The children have learnt adding and subtracting 1's, 10's and 100's to/from any 3-digit number. This term, they will be learning to do this with 4-digit numbers and adding and subtracting multiples of 1,000.

**Area** - The children will be learning that area is the amount of space taken up by a two-dimensional shape or surface and will be exploring different ways of working out the area of a shape.

**Multiplication and Division** - The children will be recapping and learning the times-tables up to multiples of 12.

### Geography

During Geography lessons this term, we will be exploring the topic **Where on Earth?** concentrating on locating features on a world map, understanding/describing how the world has been represented on maps for different purposes and at different times, Prime Meridian and the International Date Line and time zones.

### PPA

My weekly non-contact time will be on a Friday morning. The children will be taught by Mrs Boyle during this time following the usual routines.

### High Ashurst - 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Gates will be open at **8.00am**, the coach will arrive at **8:15am** and will be departing as soon as possible. The coach will be picking us up from High Ashurst at **4:30pm**, we anticipate being back by **approximately 5:15pm**. The children should wear (named) jogging bottoms/leggings, t-shirt, sweatshirt/hoodie and trainer/walking shoes and a waterproof jacket. On each day, please send your child in with a (nut-free) packed lunch, water bottle and a spare set of clothes and trainers. These days will be long for the children, but very exciting!

## Wellbeing

Please ensure your child's PE kit is named and in school every Monday. School PE kit consists of navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms, yellow PE T-shirt, trainers and socks. All jewellery should be removed before the session. During our PE lessons, we will be concentrating on cross-country, tag rugby and handball. In **RHSE** the children will be learning about healthy and happy friendships and will explore the similarities and differences between individuals, families and communities. **P4C** will also play a central role along with our **outdoor learning** about minibeasts; designing and making a bug hotel for them in our wildlife area! Please send your child in with **a named pair of wellington boots** in a plastic bag that can be kept in school during the term.

## Expressive Arts

In **Art** lessons, we will be developing the children's drawing and painting skills, whilst studying the work of Picasso. Please send your child in with **a named Art apron** that can be kept in school (ideally an old large shirt). In **Music**, the children will be learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with the well-known song Mamma Mia, by ABBA. In **French**, we will be learning vocabulary concerning school and home and practising speaking and writing in French.

## Science, Computing and Design Technology

During Science this term our topics will be **Sound and State of Matter**. The children will recognise that sounds are made through vibration. They will find patterns between the pitch of a sound and the features of the object that produced it. After half term, we will be learning about **States of Matter**. This will involve comparing and grouping materials according to whether they are solid, liquid or gas. In **Computing** this term we will use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content. In **Design Technology** the children will learn to make savoury dishes so that they are able to prepare for themselves a nutritious snack.

## History

This term the children will be studying **The Ancient Greeks**. The children will learn when and where the civilisations of Ancient Greece took place, comparing the Greek alphabet to our own, and retelling the story of the 'Trojan Horse'. We also look forward to having an Ancient Greek day at school when the children can dress up and explore Greek Theatre and philosophy as well as tasting some typical Greek food!

## Key Dates

08.09.23: Meet the Teacher 3.25 to 4.15pm  
27.09.23 to 29.09.23: High Ashurst activity day  
05.10.23 - Harvest Service (Christ Church) 9.30am  
19.10.23 - Ancient Greek day  
23.10.23 to 27.10.23: Half Term  
27.11.23 to 29.11.23: Parent and Carers' Evening  
30.11.23: Polka Theatre trip  
14.12.23 - Christmas Service (Christ Church)  
15.12.23 - Last Day of Term

## Uniform and Equipment

Please adhere to the school's uniform policy, which can be found on the website, please ensure all clothes, including shoes are named. As the winter closes in, please ensure your child brings a named coat daily. Please remember to send your child in with a named water bottle each day. The children are allowed to bring in their own stationery in a small, clear pencil case.

## And finally...

Please send a note in with your child in the morning if there are any changes to your child's normal routine. If you would like to speak with any of us more privately, please let us know or contact the school office to arrange an appointment. Please do keep an eye on the school website that lists all the key dates for the autumn term. We look forward to teaching your children this year.



Mrs Rutter and Miss Oastler

