

Autumn Term 2021: Year 4 Newsletter 1

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Year 4, we hope that you all had a fantastic summer break. The first week has flown by and we have been busy getting to know the children as they are beginning to settle into year 4. This week, we have been sharing what we did during the summer holidays and our goals for year 4. The children were also very excited about seeing their friends again. Each class explored the school rules and decided on the rules for their class. Additionally, the children have been learning about the importance of presenting their work neatly and to a year 4 standard. The year 4 team are looking forward to a fun and productive term with your children!

Year 4 team 2021/2022:

4TK - Mrs Turner and Miss Kilminster (Wednesday)

4SI - Miss Issimdar

4JJ - Mr Jenner

Learning support assistants: Mrs Bhatti, Mrs Teshome, Miss McKenzie-Cook

Intervention support assistants: Miss Bazzell, and Miss Jabba who will run intervention groups across the year group as well as provide some support to pupils in class.

On Tuesday mornings all the children will be taught specialist lessons.

Spanish: Ms Del Rio

Music: Mrs Mahmoudi

Outdoor PE: Mr McKellow

Important Dates:

Monday 18th October Celebrate our Differences Week

Monday 18th October Parent Consultation Meetings

Tuesday 19th October Parent Consultation Meetings

Monday 25th October Half term

Monday 1st November INSET day

Tuesday 14th December Christmas lunch

Friday 17th December Last day of term

Key Information

PE:

On outdoor and indoor PE days children should come to school in their Danegrove PE kit: Danegrove PE t-shirt (with the school logo), navy blue PE shorts - in cold weather children can wear plain navy leggings or navy joggers (no logos e.g Nike/Addidas), Danegrove sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece (no hoodies) and sports trainers (no fashion footwear s converse, high tops etc.). For your information, outdoor PE for the year group is on a Tuesday morning. 4TK and 4JJ have indoor P.E on Friday, with 4SI having indoor P.E. on a Thursday.

Uniform (Please make sure that all uniform is named)

On non-PE days children are expected to wear the correct school uniform - this includes black school shoes. Going forward, if you are buying your child new school shoes for the winter please do not purchase ankle or long boots. Headbands and hair accessories should be the school colours- blue and white only. Long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons. Jewellery is not permitted to be worn apart from religious reasons. Children with pierced ears may wear small studs (the studs should be removed by the child for PE or taped for health and safety reasons).

Snacks:

Children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack that they can eat at morning play, fruit or vegetables are ideal, as are cheese, crackers or a small sandwich. Please note that we are a nut free school (therefore no products with nuts inside are allowed). Please also send in a named water bottle.

Homework

Homework books will be sent home and **do not** have to come back to school. Homework will be issued on Thursday and is due in on a Tuesday. The children will need to take a photo of their completed homework and upload it onto SeeSaw where their class teacher will mark it. If you have any comments about the homework, you can write a message to your class teacher on SeeSaw. **Homework will always consist of reading, spellings, and times tables.** Please note that new Seesaw codes as well as Mathletics, Bugclub and Times Tables Rock stars logins can be found in the homework books that will be sent home early next week. Please note that homework will be on our internet page and children will not be given a printed copy unless requested. The web address is www.danegroveschool.co.uk. The internet page also contains the curriculum overview for the current term.

- Spelling tests will take place on Tuesday mornings for all three classes.
- Times tables tests will take place on Monday afternoon for 4TK and 4JJ and on Wednesday afternoon for 4SI. It is the expectation that by the end of year 4, all children are competent in all the tables. There will be a Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June 2022. The purpose of the MTC is to make sure the times tables knowledge is at the expected level. The MTC is an online test where the children are asked 25 questions on times tables 2 to 12. They are given **six seconds per question**, with three seconds rest between each question, so the test should last less than five minutes. Questions about the **six, seven, eight, nine, and 12 times tables** are likely to come up most often, as these are the hardest for most children to learn. It's a good idea to focus on these tricky times tables with your child at home.
- Daily reading practice of approximately 20 minutes is the year group target. We strongly recommend that parents regularly spend time listening to their children read at home and allow some discussion time to help them develop their ideas, vocabulary and understanding. Children can read anything they wish, but a variety of choice is recommended ie. magazines, story books, poems, encyclopedias, diaries, letters etc. Please encourage your child to discuss their choice of text with you, answering questions, thinking about the text (its main features and content) as well as its meaning.

Many thanks for reading this term's newsletter; we hope to have a fantastic term. Please remember, if you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to speak to Mrs Turner, Miss Kilminster, Miss Issimdir or Mr Jenner.

Yours sincerely

Year 4 Team