

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you had a lovely break and are ready for another fun filled half term in Year 4! This week in English we started our new writing genre, 'Narratives'. The children will be writing their own narrative (story) based on the plot from the book 'The Queen's Handbag' by Steve Antony. The book is about a naughty swan who steals the Queen's handbag so naturally, the Queen races after it. She follows it all around the United Kingdom in various modes of transport, including an Aston Martin car, a motorbike, a Red Arrow plane, a speedboat, a train and a horse. Here is the link to the story should you wish to listen to it at home [The Queen's Handbag By Steve Antony - YouTube](#). We began our Integrated Studies topic by looking at our big question 'What natural features do we have in the United Kingdom?' In ICT, the children will be learning about animation and creating their own based on the narratives (stories) that they will write in English over the next few weeks. In Maths, the children have focused on column subtraction using equipment and the correct mathematical vocabulary.

The temperature has certainly dropped and Autumn has arrived! Please send your children into school with appropriate clothes for the cold weather. The windows in the classrooms will continue to remain open, therefore it is important that children have a jumper or cardigan and are wearing layers to prevent them from getting cold. They will continue to do outdoor P.E throughout the winter. They will therefore need to come into school on P.E days wearing tracksuit bottoms or leggings. Finally, please can we have some boxes of tissues for our classrooms as there are many runny noses at the moment! Thank you to those parents who have already donated.

Just as a gentle reminder, both gates open at 8:40am - children are expected to be in class by 8:50am.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to send us a message on Seesaw or come and speak to us following the dismissal of the children at the end of the day.

Thank you and we hope you have a great weekend!

The Year 4 Team

Important Dates:

Thursday 4th November - Spooks and Sparkles Disco

Thursday 9th December - Christmas Pantomime

Tuesday 14th December - Christmas lunch

Friday 17th December - Last day of term

Certificate Winners

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week: Ennis (4TK), George (4TK), Waseem (4JJ), Ajli (4JJ), Ore (4SI), Ayan (4SI). Children who received a Maths or Values certificate, will be celebrated in our main school newsletter released on a Friday.



Homework

Please check the activities section on Seesaw each week as you may have been set a task by your class teacher.

English Task

Please complete the task on nouns.

Maths Task

Please complete task on addition and subtraction.

Vocabulary Words: Please learn the definition of these words. You may wish to upload a short video, voice recording or a note to tell us what they mean.

Gorge

Navigate

Atlas

Mountain Range

Times Tables

Each week we will be focusing on a times table of the week for you to learn. As well as the weekly spelling test, you will also have a times table one featuring the times table of the week. This week please learn your **11 times tables**. Please also use TTRS. TTRS is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. Each week concentrates on a different times table, with a recommended consolidation week for rehearsing the tables that have recently been practised every third week or so.

Reading

Please read for 20-30 minutes each day. Fill in your reading log whenever you complete a book. Don't forget to give it a rating. When you reach the milestones that are printed on the log you will receive a prize in assembly. Please remember to use **Bug club** regularly to help improve your reading. All students are expected to read 10 Bug club books per term.

Spellings

In preparation for our spelling assessment next week, we have included all the spellings that the children have been given to date so that they can practise at home. If the children have been learning

the purple and orange words, they are the ones which they will be tested on. If the children have been learning the orange and green words, they are the ones which they will be tested on.

Spelling Rule: Words with /shun/ endings spelt with 'sion' (if root word ends in 'se', 'de' or 'd').

Purple	Orange	Green
Door	Division	Consider
Floor	Television	Continue
Poor	Explosion	Decide
Most	Confusion	Describe
Only	Revision	Different



Task 1: English Task

Noun Hunt



Look around and write down all the nouns you can find.
Make sure you write them in the correct column!

 **People** 

Blank space for writing nouns related to People.

 **Places** 

Blank space for writing nouns related to Places.

 **Things** 

Blank space for writing nouns related to Things.

Task 2: English Task

What is a Proper Noun?

Common nouns are the general names for people, places, objects or animals.

Proper nouns are different as they name specific places/landmarks or people/characters (e.g. Benji the dog). They should always start with a capital letter. Months of the year, days of the week, some events/festivals and brand/company names are also considered to be proper nouns.

Can you sort these cards into two sets of common nouns and proper nouns? The proper nouns have deliberately been spelt using lower-case letters to make the task trickier!

roald dahl	dog	lego	egg
christmas	diwali	september	friday
winter	week	author	scooby doo
wayne rooney	footballer	holiday	adidas
teacher	cartoon	wallace and gromit	america
country	europe	planet	eiffel tower
bridge	pop star	desk	disney
buckingham palace	queen elizabeth II	king	library

What is a Proper Noun? **Answers**

Common Nouns	Proper Nouns
dog	Roald Dahl
egg	Lego
winter	Christmas
week	Diwali
author	September
footballer	Friday
holiday	Scooby Doo
teacher	Wayne Rooney
cartoon	Adidas
country	Wallace and Gromit
planet	America
bridge	Europe
pop star	Eiffel Tower
desk	Disney
king	Buckingham Palace
library	Queen Elizabeth II

Addition and Subtraction Word Problems

LO: to solve word problems using addition and subtraction

Solve the following problems:

1. There are 167 books in one classroom and 392 books in the other.

How many books are there altogether in both classrooms? _____

2. Jay has a collection of 263 football cards. His brother has 189.

How many more football cards does Jay have? _____

3. A family drive 289km from Canberra to Sydney, and then 149km on to Newcastle.

How far did they travel altogether? _____

4. A cricket team score 456 in the first innings and 249 in the second innings.

How many runs did they score altogether? _____

5. Jenny has \$5.60. She spends \$2.80 on a present for her brother.

How much money does she have left? _____

6. Abi collects stamps. She has 351 in a box and 456 in a book.

How many does she have altogether? _____

EXTENSION

1. On Sunday I spent 114 minutes on my art project, and 45 minutes on my numeracy homework. On Thursday evening spent a total of 86 minutes on my history project and 39 minutes reading. What is the difference in minutes between the amount of homework I did on Sunday and Thursday evening?



2. Dad drives a truck. Last week he drove 267 kilometres on Monday, 186 on Tuesday and 198 on Wednesday. This week Dad drove 279 kilometres on Monday, 148 on Tuesday and 288 on Wednesday. What is the difference in kilometres between this week and last week?

3. One watch costs £1.60 and I bought four. If I had paid with a £20 note, how much change would I have received?

