

Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back year 4, this term we have lots of exciting topics we are covering.

English: We will be starting the term off by looking at the biography of a famous paleontologist, Mary Anning. We will also be continuing to follow our topic theme of dinosaurs by writing children stories, which we will be sharing with Year 1. In Autumn Term 2 we will be researching Antarctic Explorers and writing our own information and explanation texts.

Maths: We will be using our multiplication and division facts to find different fractions of numbers so the children will need to be secure on their times tables facts up to the 12 x table.

Practical activities to do at home: Please encourage your child to tell the time regularly and look at bus and train timetables when possible. It would be great if they could get involved in shopping by working out totals and change.

Your child is expected to know up to the 12 x tables by the end of year 4, the tables your child is working will be noted down in their timestable book. Our weekly multiplication test is on a Wednesday.

Topic: The first half term is History, we will be learning about dinosaurs, looking at the timeline of dinosaurs, fossils and their extinction. During the second half of the term we will be studying Antarctica for our Geography topic and will be looking at Antarctic explorers and the differences between the Arctic and Antarctica.

Science: We will be looking at rocks and electricity.

RE: The first half of the half term we will look at the life of the Buddha and how he found happiness and stayed happy. After half term, we will be studying the Christian gospel stories and discussing what kind of world would Jesus want.

Cold weather: Please ensure your child brings a coat everyday as the weather gets colder and for outside P.E they can wear tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt.

We will be taking part in the mile a day so please ensure your child brings a water bottle and wears sensible shoes.



Upcoming Events

PE on a Monday and a Tuesday. Please make sure children come in in their PE kits.

Library: Monday

30th September Penny Run

7th October Harvest Festival

14th October Year 5 class assembly

21st October INSET

18th November Datchet's Got Talent

Homework:

Spellings are set on Friday and tested on Friday. These will be allocated in both the spelling book and on spellingframe.com

Daily reading- please record in your child's reading record daily.

Homework is set on Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

Doodle maths and Doodle timestables: daily practice is encouraged.