

Year 4

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a lovely end of a term break and are looking forward to the new school term.

We have a really busy and fun packed term ahead , involving some trips and walks around the local area which we are planning at the moment.

A special thank you to everyone who has been keeping on track with their homework, times tables , spellings and reading. Keep it up!

As always, our door is always open if you have any questions or comments about the children's learning.

Miss Oldham and Mrs Cornell. :)

English:

This term we will be reading *Beowulf*, *The Highway Man* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

Children will learn to:

- Write a Job Advert
- Write a Newspaper Report
- Take part in a performance
- Write a letter
- Write a postcard
- Continue to develop grammar skills.



Children will continue to read weekly as part of our reciprocal reading sessions. It would be great if you could ask your child what they have been learning about in reciprocal reading and their English lessons to reinforce the learning that takes place.

Remember to read at least 3 times a week and to fill in your Reading Journal! These will be checked every Wednesday.
Also, practise your spellings every day so that you become a super speller! Spellings will be tested on a Monday. Don't forget your spelling book!

Mathematics

This term pupils will be focusing on:

1	Rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and the nearest whole number.
2	Multiplication—Factors, Multiplies and problem solving activities.
3	Fractions—Finding fractions of amounts, equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions and ordering fractions.
4	Shape—Symmetry and angles.
5	Area and Perimeter—Problem Solving
7	Money—Place value, problem solving and reasoning.
8	Addition and Subtraction—Mental and Written Methods.
9	Time—24 hour clock, analogue and digital time.
10	Place Value and Decimals—Multiply and divide by 10 and 100.

Remember to practise your times tables daily!

Personal, Health, Social and Community Education (P.H.S.C.E.)

During this half term, we will be focusing on our new character muscles. We will be looking at how friendship, co-operation and perseverance can be shown throughout school and how we can improve these.

P.E.

This half term pupils will be developing their skills in the areas of:

- Invasion Games
- Striking and Fielding

They will benefit from PE sessions with our specialist PE teacher — Mrs Aston

Science:

This term we are looking at Animals including Humans. We will be covering the following areas:

- Types of teeth and their uses.
- Comparing animal teeth to human teeth.
- Investigating what we know about an animals diet from it's teeth.
- Understanding the human body and how our digestive system.



Topic—Our Place in the World.

Children will be exploring Leicester's significance in the wider world. We will be looking at where Leicester is in relation to the rest of the world, some of Leicester's famous landmarks, the significance Richard III has had on Leicester, sports teams in Leicester and comparing the different settlements that people live in around Leicester. We will also be completing a design and art project where children will be able to design, make and paint their own Leicester landmark.

RE

Through RE sessions, we will be looking at a range of topics including

- How new life is welcomed into the world?
- Who inspires us?
- What are the deeper meanings of festivals?
- How did Jesus celebrate the last supper?

We believe that it is important for children to be able to consider the viewpoints of others and respect their similar and differing views. We will lead some discussion and written based activities in the classroom.

Music

We hope you enjoyed our djembe drumming performance at the end of last term. The children have been working really hard and we are very lucky to be able to continue with our djembe drumming sessions this term taught by Mr Bailey.

Important Dates:

- Monday 28th January—Year 4 Assembly
- Wednesday 30th January—Parent Workshop
- Monday 18th February—Half Term Begins
- Monday 25th February—Back to school
- Friday 12th April—Last day of term.

Important Dates:

Monday—PE Kit needed and Spelling Test (**Don't forget your spelling folder**)
 Wednesday—Homework Due and reading records are checked.
 Thursday—Homework Set