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Dear Parents and Carers

YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Year 4! I am looking forward to a wonderful year. I warmly invite you all to attend our Year 4 Welcome meeting for parents, this Thursday (12th September) at 3:40pm in our new Year 4 classroom. We are very lucky to have additional adult support in Year 4 from Miss Cassidy.

English

This term we are learning about character development, emotional response and changes of setting in narrative fiction. In the text we'll be studying, the narrative structure is carefully crafted and the characters and settings are well drawn, offering our young readers a good model for their own story planning and descriptive writing. If you would like to purchase any of the key texts, please refrain from reading the text before Week 3 of Term 1, to help keep the suspense and anticipation in our lessons at school. Later in the term we are becoming poets, focused on creating striking imagery in our poems using a plethora of writing techniques.



Key Texts include: *Pugs of the Frozen North* by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre
Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman

Mathematics

We are starting the year off by recapping the foundations of mathematics, examining number and place value. This will form a solid ground for our work later in the term focused on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, all building on last year's learning. Below you will see some of our targets for the term.

Number and Place Value

I can count in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000

I can find 100 more or less than a number

I can count backwards including into negative numbers

I can see and show the place value of 4 digit numbers

I can order and compare numbers beyond 1000

I can identify, make and estimate numbers in different ways

I can round any number to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

I can solve number and practical problems with large positive numbers

I can read Roman numbers to 100 (I to C)

Addition and Subtraction

I can + and - numbers up to 4 digits

I can + and - using a formal written method

I can estimate and use inverse operations to check my answers

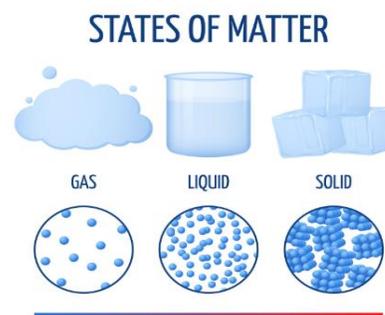
I can solve + and - two step problems in context

I can decide the operations and methods to use and say why



Science

'States of Matter' begins our year in science, with the children exploring the properties of solids, liquids and gases in the world around them, followed by a focused look at the water cycle. This subject offers many opportunities for hands on investigations which we are looking forward to very much. Get ready to start answering questions at home from your children regarding molecules, water vapour and the various forms of condensation!



Art

J.M.W. Turner is the artist of focus this term. The children will be experimenting with watercolours, and creating beautiful landscape and seascape scenes full of soft colours, clouds and powerful images – a perfect overlap for our science and English topics.

P.E.

Indoor P.E. will take place on Thursdays where we will be exploring movement and gesture and choreographing our own dances. Outdoor P.E. will be on Fridays where the children will take part in Tri-ball. Please make sure your child has the correct school P.E. kit in school, with all items labelled with their name. We ask that PE kits are kept in school every day and only taken home for washing.

Homework, Spelling and Reading Logs

Year 4 Timetable	
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework handed out• New Spelling words handed out• 'Narnia' reading group changes books in school• Spelling practice in practice books at home
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'Atlantica' reading group changes books in school• Spelling practice in practice books at home
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'Neverland' reading group changes books in school• Spelling practice in practice books at home
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P.E. kit required• 'Hogwarts' reading group changes books in school• Spelling practice in practice books at home
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework Due• Spelling test• P.E. kit required• 'Frozen North' reading group changes books in school

If you have any queries regarding the year ahead, please feel free to catch me at the start or end of the day or send an email via the school office.

It has been great to see so many of you so far and I look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Best wishes
Miss Madelaine Edgar
Year 4 Class Teacher

