



Welcome to Year 4!

From Miss Trigg and Miss Watson



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you've had a fantastic summer and are as excited as we are for the start of an action-packed and inspiring Autumn term!

We have so much in store for the children this half term, from amazing experiments to captivating books and exciting topics that will bring learning to life. Here's a sneak peek at what we'll be exploring together:

Coming Soon...

3rd September: Term begins

11th September: Inset day

16th September: Curriculum Evening

21st -23rd September: Parents evening

25th September: Zoo trip

27th - 31st October: Half term

We can't wait to kick off an incredible term full of curiosity and creativity, we'll make this a truly memorable start to the year!

Trip

We are very excited to announce we will be having a trip this half term to the zoo!

For this day, children will be expected to **wear school uniform**. Please ensure that your child has packed:

- a coat
- a sun hat
- a snack
- a water bottle
- **a packed lunch**

Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate for hot lunches on this day.

We would love to have some **parent helpers** for our class trip to the Zoo. If you can help from **9:30-12:30** on **Thursday 25th September**, we would love to hear from you. Please could you send an email to your class teacher to let them know if you are available (emails are listed below).

Thank you for your help and support!

English - Writing & Guided Reading

We'll be diving into two brilliant books this half term:

- **The Book of Bones** - A fascinating non-fiction text that links perfectly with our science learning about the human body.
- **George's Marvellous Medicine** by Roald Dahl - This hilarious classic will inspire the children's own creative writing later in the term!

In **Guided Reading**, we'll be exploring *George's Marvellous Medicine* in more detail, developing fluency and comprehension skills.

Please could we ask you support your child by listening to them read aloud for at least 20 minutes each day and logging their progress on our new online reading system called Boom Reader. If your child needs reminding of their login, we will be happy to provide them with it.

Maths

We're kicking off the year with:

- **Place Value**
- **Addition & Subtraction**
- **Multiplication & Division**

We'll be using lots of practical strategies and problem-solving to deepen understanding.

Number bonds and times tables are essential, so we'd love your support in practising these regularly at home - whether it's chanting, games, apps, quizzes, in the car, whilst cooking, we'd love to hear all the creative ways you have been practising.

Topic - Burps, Bottoms and Bile!

Get ready for a gross but glorious adventure into the human body! Our topic this half term is "**Burps, Bottoms and Bile**", and it's packed with hands-on experiments, exciting facts, and lots of laughter.

We'll be learning all about **bones, digestive systems**, and how our incredible bodies work.

PE

This half term, we're thrilled to have two PE sessions a week:

- **Wednesday: Fitness**
- **Friday: Netball**

Please ensure your child wears their **PE kit on both Wednesday and Friday** each week so they can take part fully.

Music - Mumma Mia!

Our music focus this term is all about the legendary pop group **ABBA**! The children will be learning to sing, compose and perform Mumma Mia.

RE - What Kind of World Did Jesus Want?

We'll be exploring the teachings of Jesus and thinking deeply about kindness, fairness, and how we can make the world a better place - just as he encouraged. Our RE sessions are reflective and discussion-based, encouraging children to share their own thoughts and values.

PSHE - Being the Best Person You Can Be!

This term, our PSHE focus is all about relationships and respect. We'll be covering:

- **Families and Friendships** - building and maintaining positive friendships, including online
- **Safe Relationships** - how to respond to unkind behaviour and manage risks
- **Respecting Ourselves and Others** - exploring similarities, differences, and how to treat everyone with kindness

We follow planning from the RE Association and all activities are age-appropriate and engaging.

Homework

Homework is a great opportunity to consolidate learning from the classroom and build independence. This half term, children will be expected to complete the following each week:

- Spelling practice - with weekly spelling tests each week
- A short maths task
- Reading aloud for at least 20 minutes daily, and logging this on Boom Reader when possible

Homework will be given out and marked **every Tuesday**, starting the week beginning Monday 8th September.

Your support with homework is hugely appreciated - it makes a real difference!

If you have any questions or can help with our trip to the zoo, please get in touch.

Best wishes,

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