



Welcome to Year 4!



From Miss Trigg and Miss Watson

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We hope you had a restful break. We have another exciting half term ahead filled with trips, experiences, and all things Christmas! Here's a sneak peek at what we'll be exploring together:

Coming Soon...

- **3rd November** - Back to school
- **13th November** - Victorian Day and trip in the afternoon (from 11:50)
- **14th / 21st November** - Children in Need (TBC)
- **27th November** - Deco Day
- **6th December** - Christmas Fair
- **10th December** - Carol Service
- **17th December** - Christmas Party
- **18th December** - Christmas Jumper Day and end of term

Trip

We are very excited to announce a trip this half term to the Victorian House!

For this day, children are expected to wear Victorian outfits. Please ensure your child brings a bag containing:

- A coat
- A sun hat
- A snack
- A water bottle
- A packed lunch

Unfortunately, hot lunches will not be available on this day.

We would love some parent helpers for the trip on Thursday 13th November from 11:50 onwards. If you can help, please email your child's class teacher (emails below). Thank you for your support!

English - Writing & Guided Reading

This half term, we will be exploring two fantastic texts:

- **The People Awards** - researching a famous Victorian and writing a non-chronological report
- **Hot Like Fire** - poetry

In Guided Reading, children will be heard reading at least once a week with carefully chosen books to suit their level. Children will bring home a reading book and a levelled book.

Please support your child by listening to them read aloud for at least 20 minutes daily and logging progress on Boom Reader. If your child needs their login details, just ask!

Maths

We're focusing on:

- Addition and subtraction
- Shape
- Area

We will use practical strategies and problem-solving to deepen understanding. Number bonds and times tables are essential; your support practicing these at home is much appreciated, whether through chanting, games, apps, quizzes, or everyday activities.

Topic - The Victorians

The children will explore the differences between modern life and Victorian times. The highlight will be our Victorian Day at school on Thursday 13th November. Please ensure your child wears Victorian attire.

PE

This term, PE sessions are twice a week: Monday and Wednesday.

Please ensure your child wears their PE kit on both days. We will notify you if there are any changes.

Music - Christmas Carol Service Practice

Our music focus is Christmas! Children will prepare Christmas carols for the Carol Service on Wednesday 10th December.

RE

This term, we'll explore: *For Christians, when Jesus left; what was the impact of Pentecost?*

PSHE - Being the Best Person You Can Be!

Our focus is on relationships and respect, covering:

- Safe relationships and responding to hurtful behaviour
- Managing confidentiality
- Recognising online risks

We follow the PSHE Association's age-appropriate and engaging planning.

Homework

Homework helps consolidate classroom learning and build independence. Each week, children should complete:

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

Homework is given out and marked every Tuesday. Your support makes a real difference! Thank you to all that have helped so far.

If you have any questions or can help with the Victorian House trip, please get in touch.

Best wishes,

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