



Class 4 Newsletter Spring Term 2019

Welcome back! I hope that you all have had a lovely Christmas break. To begin with I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to you all for the lovely gifts that I received and to wish you all the best for a very happy and successful New Year. A New Year brings fresh challenges and opportunities for us all and I am very excited about the journey that these will take us on in the coming months.

To recap on a couple of points from the Autumn newsletter:

In Class 4 we want the children to get the most out of this year and school, in addition to achieving their best. In order for children to achieve their best they need to be organised and take responsibility for their own learning, this can be supported by encouraging independence and providing support with homework and reading in addition to assisting with learning multiplication tables and spelling rules. Please look out for more information on the school website, class blog and via letters in your child's red bag.

Learning Theme



Our leaning theme for his term is, "Tomb Raiders". Collectively we will explore Light and Sound in Science as well as child-led discovery of the Ancient Egyptians in Geography and History sessions. The Ancient Egyptians will influence our Art work in the form of Hieroglyphics and 3D sculpture. If you have any items at home that may contribute to a display or could be interesting to talk about please bring them in to school.

Beginning and end of the day

Your child should line up at the front of the school on the playground in the appropriate year group line. If parents refrain from lining up with their child that would be appreciated as it can be difficult to supervise them effectively. At the end of the day children will exit from the side door of the school nearest the classroom. We ask that parents wait for them either on the path or on the front playground. Please ensure your child knows who is responsible for collecting them.

PE

It would be gratefully appreciated if PE kit was brought into school on a Monday morning and taken home on a Friday. PE kit consists of black shorts and a plain white t-shirt. Trainers will be required for outdoor PE but indoor PE is done in bare feet. Can I also ask that in their PE kit some "warm" clothing is also put into their kit bags as even if it is cold (especially in winter) we will be going outside to do PE. No school uniform is to be worn for PE and in the interest of safety jewellery must not be worn, earrings must either be removed or taped and long hair must be tied back.

Homework

Homework tasks will usually be given on a Wednesday and should be returned by the following Tuesday. If your child is struggling with their homework please ask them to come and see me prior to handing in. Although it is beneficial to support your child with homework tasks, please ensure that the work is that of the child's and not your own. In addition to this the children will be given weekly spelling homework activities and, over the course of the year, need to learn multiplication tables to 12 x 12 and corresponding division facts e.g. $7 \times 6 = 42$ and $42 \div 7 = 6$.

Reading

Reading diaries need to be handed in on a Monday morning. The children are expected to bring their reading diaries and a suitable reading book to school every day. The children select and change their own reading books and are always welcome to bring in reading books from home. Please encourage your child to read a range of both fiction and non-fiction books. Reading homework is continuous and we expect each child to read at home at least 3 times every week, keeping a reading diary showing the date, title of the book and a brief comment about what they have read. This should be discussed and signed by an adult on a weekly basis. The children are given a list of suggested prompts for reading responses and a sample of previous children's work to help support this. If you would like any further help please just ask.

If you have any questions about anything at all please do not hesitate to ask any of the Class 4 team. Once again I am very much looking forward to the term ahead and teaching and supporting your child.

Kind regards

Mr Mallison and the Class 4 team.