Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 2 2025

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome back after the half term break. Our half term topic for Autumn 2 is '**Citizens and the World**'. The children will have the opportunity to learn about communities and citizens around the world in a range of subjects.

Attendance

It is important that your child's attendance remains above 97% so that they do not fall behind.

Magpie: 95.7% Owl: 95.9% **Target: 97.5%**

English

Our writing lessons will be focused upon two key texts. We will begin by looking at '*A Lion in Paris*' by Beatrice Alemagna and will use this to then create a brochure to persuade a reader to go on holiday. We will then look at '*Moon Man*' by Tomi Ungerer and use this as a stimulus for our narrative writing for this half term.

The teaching of reading continues with daily lessons focusing on our VIPERS skills. We will continue to finish each week with a VIPERS comprehension task to show how our learning and understand of the focus text has improved throughout the week.

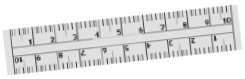
Please continue to encourage your child to read every day and to complete their Spelling Shed activities.

Science

This term, we will be learning about states of matter. We will be making scientific predictions as to whether various matters will be able to change state when added with elements like heat. We will identify different solids, liquids and gases by their physical properties as well as by the behaviour of their particles. As well as this we will be raising questions and carrying out tests to further our scientific knowledge and vocabulary.

Mathematics

In this topic we will learning:



- To understand what area is
- To count squares
- To make shapes
- To compare area
- To use place value, known and derived facts to multiply mentally
- To use place value, known and derived facts to divide mentally
- To calculate multiplication facts using the distributive law
- To use the distributive law to multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number
- To use explore multiplying three 1-digit numbers
- To use short multiplication to multiply a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number (two lessons)
- To use a range of strategies to multiply
- To use mental strategies to divide
- To explore division using knowledge of multiples
- To use short division to divide a 2- or 3-digit number by a 1-digit number (two lessons)
- To problem solve using four operations

Year 4 is a crucial year for knowing times table facts to 12 x 12 in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June.

As theologians…

In RE, we will be learning about 'Beliefs, teachings and sources'in Christianity, as well as learning about how Christians worship God and the rituals they follow.

As musicians…

As musicians, we will be focusing on World Music. We will have the opportunity to both listen to a wide range of music as well as to improve our music skills with separate lessons where we will continue to learn the glockenspiel.

As linguists…

In Mandarin this half term, we will be looking at the weather and emotions.

Questions the children want to find out about the Ancient Greeks

- How were they significant?
- What impact did the Ancient Greece have on our lives today?

As artists…

We will be print making by using relief and impress printing techniques of Greek vases. We will link our artwork to our history learning, printing themes and motifs commonly used in Ancient Greece.

As budding techies…

In computing this half term, we will be learning how to debug coding errors. As well as this we will continue to learn how to use technology safely and respectfully.

As historians…

As historians, we will be looking at the Ancient Greeks and their impact on modern life. We will also be learning about democracy and the importance of this.

As geographers…

We will be looking at our Extreme Earth. We will explore volcanoes and the impact of their eruptions. We will also explore earthquakes, how they occur and their effects on our planet.

As sports people…

Owl and Magpie class will be focusing on dynamic balance, static balance and agility. Children will be developing the footwork skills learnt from last term.

As good citizens…

In PSHE we will be learning about British Values: Democracy, Mutual Respect and Tolerance, Individual Liberty and Democracy. We will continue to develop our understanding of the 9 Habits.

Notices and reminders

- PE is on **MONDAY** and **THURSDAY** every week for Owl and Magpie Class. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit in school on the relevant day.
- Your child will be set tasks each week in addition to their expected daily reading. Your child will be given a sheet in their homework book which will explain what the tasks are. Both tasks will need recording in the homework book. The homework is generally a reinforcement of the week's learning that has taken place.
- Homework will be given out every Friday and needs to be handed in by the following Wednesday at the latest.
- PLEASE encourage your child to learn their times table facts. They are doing brilliantly so far!
- Please read with your child every day and initial your child's comments.
- Please ensure your child's iPad is in school every day and fully charged as these are used to support learning daily.

Thank you for your support!

Year 4 Team

Class Teachers: Miss Sales and Miss Swinney Teaching Assistants: Miss Sarah and Mrs Petch