

YEAR 4 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 1

Welcome to Year 4! We hope that you had a wonderful summer break and feel refreshed to begin our new academic year. This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are really looking forward to working with you and your children this academic year.



Google Classroom - We will be using Google Classroom frequently to share any updates or provide extra homework to support our learning in class. Please ensure your child is logging in weekly.



Topic- Our topic for this term is **Food and Agriculture**. We will be researching and exploring where and how food is grown. We will be looking into the impact that different global climates have on the food we eat.



English - In English, we will be developing our writing skills through looking at a fiction text called **Weslandia** followed by the poetry of Joseph Coelho. We will be focusing on narrative and descriptive writing. In spelling, we will be learning common exception words, suffixes (-ment, -less, -ful, -ness, -ly) and the 'kn' sound. We will be consolidating these through handwriting (letter join). Please use your spelling books to practise at home.



Maths- Our first focus of the year will be on number and place value followed by addition. Please keep an eye out for any homework sheets on Google Classroom.

Times Tables - Times Tables will be a big focus in Year 4, with all children in the country being tested in the summer term. Children in Year 4 are expected to know their 1-12 times tables and to be fluent in doing so. We would therefore encourage you to do as much



practice as you can with times tables at home. Times Tables Rockstars is a great programme to help with this - please use it regularly.

Science- In Science, we will be introducing the topic of **Animals including Humans**, with a focus on identifying and categorising.

PE- Your child will have two PE sessions per week. This half term, the focus will be Gymnastics. Please see the days and times below:

4EB and **4AB** will have their PE lessons on **Wednesday and Friday afternoons**. This half term our PE subject will be gymnastics.

Please make sure your child has their PE kit on the correct day.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead.

Thank you for your continued support,

Alex, Ellie and the Year Four team

