



Blue Class – Autumn Term Newsletter 2020

Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term and the new academic year!

It is so lovely to welcome the children back to school and they have settled so well into the new classroom and some new routines.

We have focused on the book Here We Are and on the theme of kindnessbe kind to ourselves, each other and the planet. We are currently making some healthy living posters using ICT ; talking about anti racism and the Black Lives Matter movement and discussing ways we can help look after the planet.

Every class in school has been timetabled with a number of sessions each day in the outside areas in school – the allotment, field, wooded area and playgrounds.

We will be using these times to ensure the children get plenty of fresh air and exercise between classroom based learning and we will be teaching outside when this is possible too. The children have particularly loved the den building and art projects in the big woods.



We have a busy term ahead, so here is some key information about the learning topics we have to look forward to.

Curriculum focus

This term we are going to cover a number of shorter topics linked to our learning in history and geography. Our first topic will be Pre History. We will be learning firstly about the changes in aspects of life in the Stone Age and Bronze Age and developing our skills of interpreting sources of evidence.

If you have any resources or books that can support the children's learning please do let us know.

Maths

Our maths sessions will focus on supporting the children to re-activate all their prior learning as well as starting the curriculum for their current year. We will spend the first few weeks on with place value and number work as this is so important for supporting other learning later in the year. Other key areas for Year 4 in the Autumn term are mental and written multiplication and division with facts up to 12x12. Please support by using Times Table Rock Stars at home online.

English

This term our fiction and non-fiction writing units will all be based on books. We are using the 'back on track' materials develop by County to support the children with their writing across different genres. We know, from the parent survey results, that this is an area many parents have identified as a focus for children now they are back in school.

*Your child will take part in whole class guided reading sessions during the week
We will be changing books each week on a Tuesday and a Thursday)*

As always, we will ensure to support all children's individual needs in a variety of ways. Additional support, individualised learning and intervention will continue in the children's bubbles. We will share any further information if necessary with parents in due course.

PE

In PE this term we will be doing outdoor team games.

The days for PE lessons this term may change as we take advantage of the weather and lead sessions outside whenever possible. Therefore, it is important that the children have a **full** PE kit with them every day, including a long sleeved top and trainers for outdoor PE work. Children with long hair must remember to bring a hair tie. PE kits will be sent home to be washed at the end of the week and then returned the following Monday. Thank you.

Homework In line with our homework policy, home learning will focus on reading, spelling and maths skills. We will be setting our first homework task next week and will be using on-line platforms for this. We will remind all parents of any usernames and passwords that they need. Setting our home learning in this way will support in the event of children needing to continue their learning at home.

Unfortunately, for now, there are no class assembly dates. However, we will share with you details and photographs of the children's learning in the whole school newsletters on a regular basis.

I hope that this information is helpful to you, but please do contact us via email or phone if there is anything at all you want to discuss.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rose and the Year 4 team