



Year 4 – Blue Class Newsletter – Summer Term 2022

29th April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! We were so proud of all that your children achieved last term and especially of the kindness and support they showed to one another during our performance. We're sure you will agree they were all fantastic and it was very special to see them together on stage after such a long time. We hope that you all had a lovely Easter holiday and are ready for our busy and exciting final term of Year 4!

Curriculum

Children in Year 4 will be studying all subjects in the National Curriculum. This term under our topic area we will be learning about the achievements of the Vikings and their legacy in History and in Geography we will consider some of the issues surrounding supplying clean drinking water to a growing global population. Our DT and Art this term will link in with these topics as will some of our RE discussions. We are very excited to be planning a trip this term linked to our learning, and will give you more information about this in due course. The **Medium-Term Overview** provides more details about the English, Maths and Science focus areas for this term. In terms of reading, all children are expected to bring to school with them their reading books and green reading records every day and should be reading at home to an adult or older sibling regularly. It would be lovely to see some comments in the reading records from parents when children have read independently at home.

Homework

As well as reading at home, maths and spelling homework will continue to be set once a week. Occasionally, other pieces of homework may be set, linked to a topic that we are studying. Homework will be put on the Year 4 Google Classroom every Friday and needs to be turned in by the following Tuesday, unless alternative instructions are given on Google Classroom. If appropriate, paper copies of the homework will be available should a child wish to complete the work on paper rather than on-line. Please encourage your child to complete their homework to the best of their ability and to return it on time.

Times Tables

There continues to be a big focus on learning all the times tables off by heart in Y4 and the children will be completing a national online test in June, so please can you continue to support your child at home to try and secure the times table facts to their long term memory. TTTRS / Purple Mash and Birds Vs Robots are all used by the children in school, but any ways you can help (chanting, / sticky notes around the house with a fact a day/ games with digit cards) will be really helpful. This regular over learning will help the children remember and recall the facts with accuracy and increased speed over time. Another excellent game has been produced by Maths Frame which mirrors the same layout as the national test but the children can adjust the difficulty by selecting certain times tables. We are really focusing on securing the 6,7,9 and 12 tables facts this term.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

Thank you for your support.

PE and Swimming

Swimming for Y4 continues this term on Mondays and the children all seemed to enjoy the first session. Please could you make sure your child has a swimming hat and wears clothes that are easy for them to get changed into. PE is also on Wednesday. However, **PE kits** should be in school every day, and should include the Camp School P.E. top or a white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit trousers, and a pair of plimsolls/trainers to change into. During the school day the class will complete the daily mile on the school's running track. Please make sure that your child always has a water bottle in school that they can use for PE lessons.

Best wishes,

The Year 4 team