

Year 4

with Miss Carlton-Ware, Mrs Rabbitt and Miss Williams

September – October 2023

Welcome to Year 4!

Well what a proud start we have had to the beginning of the new school year! The children have returned from their summer holidays thirsty to learn and have knuckled straight down to hard work. We began the new term with a few short transition activities to finish getting to know each other and then got straight into our new topic 'Rivers'.

In Michael Jordan Class, Miss Carlton-Ware is your full-time teacher. In Greta Thunberg Class, Mrs Rabbitt will be teaching children on Tuesday afternoons, Thursday and Friday all day. Miss Williams will teach Greta Thunberg Class on Monday and Wednesday all day and Tuesday mornings.

English:

The children have written some amazing poetry already and we are loving our class novel this half term, which is 'Varjak Paw'. We will be using this to help us write our own suspense stories.

All children will have their own home reading book chosen at their reading level. We would like you to send your child to school each day with it, along with their reading record. The children will also get to choose a pleasure read from the library each week once our renovations are complete. Please take good care of all books sent home.

Please can you make sure that you sign your child's reading record at least 3 times a week in order to have their book changed.

Maths:

We have made a fantastic start to our learning around Place Value. The children have begun learning much more complex numbers in maths. We will be writing, comparing and rounding numbers to 10, 000. The children will then learn about Roman Numerals.

Swimming and PE:

This year, classes will alternate half termly to attend two swimming lessons per week, or complete two PE lessons per week. On these days it is vital that the children wear sports attire appropriate for the weather, and trainers or comfortable sports shoes please. This includes on swimming days to support comfortable walking to The Edge.

From September through to the half-term, Michael Jordan Class will be attending swimming on a Thursday afternoon and Friday morning every week. On Friday they will be leaving at 9AM for swimming so please ensure that they are not late.

On their swimming day the children will need to bring a swim bag with a towel, swimwear and goggles and/or a swim cap if they would like.

Greta Thunberg Class will have their PE days in school on Wednesday and Thursday.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to speak to us on the door any evening or ring the office and we will phone back at our earliest convenience.

Many thanks,

Miss Carlton-Ware, Mrs Rabbitt and Miss Williams

Important Dates:

- Friday 20th October 2023 - Teacher Training Day- School closed to all pupils.
- Friday 27th October 2023- School closes to pupils for the holidays
- Monday 6th November 2023 - School opens to pupils for the start of the new half term

**You can help by:**

Helping your child to recall multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 and division facts, as this is a huge focus in Year 4. Please encourage your child to use their Chromebooks also to support practice of these. There are lots of apps and websites ready on there for you.

Listening to your child read and share stories with them, as well as asking questions about the book. Encourage your child to make predictions about what might happen in a book using evidence from the text to justify their ideas. Their 6 main reading skills to focus on are monitor, infer, wonder, visualise, summarise and connect. You could use these skills when reading with them.

Helping your child to complete their weekly homework. This homework is always based on current or upcoming learning and skills.

Encouraging and supporting your child to practise their spellings set personally for them on Spelling Shed each week. There are interactive fun games made on there to help support your child in doing so.