

# Class 4 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter. The spring term passed over so quickly and here we are now in the final term of year 4. The term ahead will build on from the previous term's achievements. This newsletter gives you an overview of the curriculum your child will be following over the next term as well as reminders of some useful information to help you and your child have a successful term. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me .

## Subjects and Areas to be covered this term

**Numeracy** - This term we will be focussing heavily on Times tables before our main maths lesson in preparation for our Government test in June. Summer term covers a lot more of the practical subjects, including time, shape, money and data handling.

**Literacy** - We continue to use our new scheme ' The Literary Curriculum'. Children are meeting lots of new texts, from a range of authors. Main focus this term is the use of clauses in writing, descriptive language and speech punctuation.

**Science** - This term we are focussing on Sound, looking at how sounds are made, how they travel and how our hearing system works. We also carry out investigative work, finding out how far sound can travel through the air, and also an investigation into what material makes the best ear defenders.

**French-** Getting places - vocabulary and spellings

**PE-** This term we are focusing on Striking and Fielding games, including rounders, hockey and cricket. We will also working on Athletics in second half term, focusing on throwing, jumping and skipping.

**Geography** - Looking at different areas around the world, including map work, climate, houses and jobs. A big focus is looking at Catalonia, comparing similarities and difference with our country.

**History** - A new topic for Year 4, we are focussing on Anglo-Saxons. We will be looking at their way of life, their homes and what they introduced to Great Britani. We will also be looking at some of their famous legends, including Beowolf.

**RE** - We will be looking closely at Christianity, focusing on churches, their different areas and what takes place in them. We will also be looking at Judaism, focusing on their beliefs and practices.

## Design/technology and Art

In Art this term our topic is 3d work and sculptures. We are looking at the work of different sculptors , then we will be experimenting with a range of different media to produce our own.

In DT we will be designing and making our own pizzas. We will be researching information about pizzas, then we will be making our own dough and deciding on our toppings that will hopefully provide a tasty treat for our family.

## Homework

Weekly Numeracy or Literacy homework will be sent home on a Friday this term and returned as usual by the following Friday. Please do not hesitate to contact me if your child has any difficulties with this so I can spend time going over it in school if need be. Spellings will be given out on a Friday, to be tested the following Friday.

## Reading

Reading has been given a huge focus this year, with a new reading scheme and online programme. Children still need to benefit from spending some time reading out loud at home to show you how clever they are and to enjoy sharing books. Please record this on your child's reading card. On the back of your child's reading card this year are targets that are there as a guideline to help you support and develop your child's reading. We hope you find this useful.

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## DIARY DATES

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Children back at school
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	School closed - BANK HOLIDAY
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Celebration of the forthcoming coronation of King Charles III
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed - BANK HOLIDAY
9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SAT's week
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am - Year 4 Open Worship in school 'Ascension & Pente-
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Kingsway meeting for Year 6 parents - 3.30pm
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Day of Summer 1
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Back to school after the half term break
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Leaver's Service at Durham Cathedral
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Diversity Well-Being Day
W/B 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Aspirations week
26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 at Kingsway Residential Centre
W/B 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Assessment week in school
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 1-6 Sports day - 1.15pm
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Parkside Induction
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> July	'Moving up' day in school
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Disco at Cricket Club - 7pm to 10pm
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am - Year 5 Open Worship - dedicated to Year 6
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/Y4/Y5 & Y6 Parents Evening - 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Service at St Stephen's Church - 6.00pm
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Service in school - 9.15am School breaks up for Summer Holidays
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Children return to school on Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Drinking Water in School

As you know current research has shown that children perform better in school if they drink between 6-8 glasses of water a day. For this reason we encourage children to bring a bottle of water to school, which they may drink in class and may be refilled during breaks. Plain water is best however, we understand that some children will not drink plain water so we are happy for them to bring weak juice. **We must ask that children do not bring fizzy water.**

If you have any queries or concerns about this matter please contact me.  
We greatly appreciate your support.



### P.E. Kit

P.E. will be a Thursday afternoon, children should come to school dressed in clothing suitable for P.E. Children should also have a PE kit in school for their other PE session in the week.

Suitable footwear is essential for children's safety. A lot of PE will be outside if weather is appropriate. Warmer clothing should be provided in the colder weather, possibly a fleece jacket.



### Earring Policy

Children are allowed to wear one pair of small stud pierced earrings except for the days when they have PE or swimming. On these days we will be insisting that earrings must not be worn for school and they should be removed by the parent or child at home. Covering earrings with tape will no longer be permitted as it does not ensure safe participation in sports activities.

If parents wish for their child to have their ears pierced, then it is best to be done at the beginning of the 6 weeks holiday so that they can then be removed for PE at the beginning of the Autumn term.

Nail varnish, false nails, make up, hair dye or temporary tattoos must not be worn for school.