

## Welcome to Autumn Term

We hope you had a lovely summer and are feeling refreshed and energised for the start of the new academic year! We are really looking forward to working with your children and have a fun-packed curriculum planned for them. This year your children will be supported by Miss Maxim in Kapoor and Miss Bromley in Whiteread.

Below is an outline of the topics that we will be covering throughout the next half term.

### Reading

In Year 4 we continue to follow the Destination Reader scheme. This half term, both classes will be reading Archie's War and Ancient Egypt, Tales of Gods and Pharaohs written by Marcia Williams. In addition to the whole class texts, children will be reading books at their instructional level. Please support your child by listening to them read at home, encouraging them to read with expression and question them throughout. We encourage children to complete Accelerated Reader Quizzes at home when they have finished a book, this is a great way for the children to reflect on the book and check their understanding.

### Writing

We continue to develop the children's writing through Talk 4 Writing which many of you will be familiar with. This half term, the children will be writing a losing tale based on the text *George's Marvellous Concoction* with a particular focus on building characters through description and dialogue.

### Maths

This half term, the children will be consolidating and developing their arithmetic and reasoning skills in the context of place value, addition and subtraction. To ensure a strong understanding, the children will regularly complete mathematical reasoning activities which will enable them to demonstrate the depth of their knowledge. Please continue to encourage them to **practise times tables daily** in preparation for the year 4 multiplication test. This can be done on the TTRockstars website.

### Geography

This half term our focus in Geography is The Rainforest. We will be learning about just how valuable the rainforests are to the water cycle whilst learning about how the rainforests are being protected and the impact we are having on the fragile ecosystems.

### Religious Education

We will be learning about the life of the Buddha and exploring how he tried to be happy and stay happy. Throughout the half term we will work towards answering the question '*Is it possible for everyone to be happy?*' using our knowledge of Buddhism to support our answers.

## **Physical Education**

This half term both classes will have P.E twice a week. Throughout the term the children will be learning skills that are needed to invasion games. They will learn how to intercept and pass balls, mark an opponent, signal for a ball and develop special awareness. The children will also continue with swimming lessons. Please see below for your child's class P.E timetable.

### **Kapoor**

**Tuesday – Invasion Games**

**Friday – Games**

### **Whiteread**

**Monday – Swimming**

**Thursday – Invasion Games**

## **PSHE**

This half term, Year 4 children will primarily be learning PSHE through the Cambridge scheme. The unit we will begin with is Citizenship with a focus on diversity within our communities.

## **Science**

Our topic for Science is Living Things and their Habitats. We will be carrying out scientific enquiries that enable children to build on their knowledge of living organisms. This half term the children will be identifying living organisms; categorising them through classification keys and interpreting and producing food chains.

## **Music**

In Music, the children will be learning how to scale the heights. In order to do this, they will learn how to recognise intervals within major scales and work towards composing simple melodies using stepping scales. Throughout the term the children will have opportunities to develop an understanding of the history of music across different periods.

## **Spanish**

This half term we will be continuing to teach Spanish within the curriculum. The children will recap their knowledge of colours before moving onto learning the names of and how to describe different body parts e.g. long hair.

## **Art**

In Art we will be studying British art history with a focus on our class artists (Whiteread and Kapoor). Throughout the half term we will be discussing art produced by these artists before creating our own sculptures using a variety of materials.

## **Computing**

This half term in computing the children will become software developers, they will be planning and designing a game with a clear target audience in mind. Following on from this, the children will be working together to create Wikipedia pages. They will develop their researching skills and know how to write for a specific audience and work collaboratively with their peers.

**Homework**

There will be a spelling task each week on a Friday along with weekly times-table quizzes. Children should be practising times tables weekly ahead of the compulsory Multiplication Check carried out at the end of Year 4.

We are excited for the upcoming term and hope you all stay safe and well.

Best wishes,  
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