



Dear children, parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you've had a fantastic summer holiday. We are really looking forward to everything that we've planned for the next year and can't wait to work with you!

This term our topic 'Our Wonderful Earth' explores the differences between the natural world and man-made creations. In our topic sessions, we will be learning more about environmental issues and how we can improve our local environment.

Home Learning

Your child will receive a new Home Learning brochure with tasks linked to our topic for the 6 weeks this term. Each week we will also hand out a Maths home learning task. **All Home Learning must be handed in on Tuesdays to give time to mark it, ready to send the new tasks home on Wednesdays.**

Children will be tested on their spellings every Friday. Spellings will be given out every Monday for your children to practise at home, so please support them in doing this.

In addition to weekly home learning, we expect all children to:

- Read daily (with an adult or independently)
- Practise times tables, with division facts in a mixed order, up to 12 x 12 (www.multiplication.com and 'hit the button' are great websites for this)

AK Star Badges

It's fantastic to see so many children who have already received their Star badges. The records of children who have not yet received theirs have been handed over from Year 3 so that they can complete any gaps during Year 4.

Children earn their ticks by:

- Using Mathematics and reading regularly
- Not talking over others and listening well
- Being ready to learn and challenging themselves
- Persevering and making good learning choices
- Trying hard with their spelling and showing independent learning skills

General Reminders...

For the Autumn term, PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays

It is essential that children have a full, labelled PE kit in school, including a water bottle. If they don't have their kit, they won't be able to take an active part in the lesson.

We will have five swimming lessons before half term, and five after the holiday. A letter will be sent from the school office regarding the arrangements and payment soon.

Forest School sessions:

This term, our Forest School sessions will take place on Wednesday 13th September and Wednesday 11th October. Please send your child to school with appropriate waterproof outdoor clothing and footwear for these lessons as we don't have spare kit in school. Children **must not** wear shorts or short-sleeved tops, as their arms and legs need to be protected.

Water Bottles and Sun Cream

We often have lovely weather as the Autumn terms begin, so please make sure your child has applied sun cream at home and has a refillable water bottle and a sun hat at school.

Mrs Boswell

Mrs Voss

Class 4 Topic Overview Term 1

| Subject | Year 4 |
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| Theme | Our Wonderful Earth |
| Christian Value | Thankfulness |
| English | Poetry Interviews Newspaper reports |
| Maths | Place value Addition & Subtraction |
| Science | Plants |
| ICT | eSafety |
| History | |
| Geography | Environmental education |
| R.E. | Judaism – beliefs & practices |
| Art & Design | Observational drawing, colour mixing |
| Design Technology | Cooking |
| P.E. | Mr Tanner & swimming |
| Music | TBC |
| P.H.S.C.E. | Our happy school |
| French | All around town |
| Wow Events | |
| Assembly for Parents | |
| Community Links | Harvest service 10 th October |
| SMSC Social Moral Spiritual and Cultural | Forest School Mindfulness with Ms Tromans |