

# Year 4 Newsletter

## Autumn 2

### Enjoy the break!

We hope all our Year 4 students and their families have a restful half term and return refreshed and ready for Autumn 2! There's so much planned in the coming weeks, and we can't wait to share it all with you!

This half term we will be making Mexican & South American inspired meals:

**Scenario:** Carnival is in town! You have been employed as a chef to create a South American inspired dish to serve at the event.

**Outcome:** Create a healthy, balanced seasonal meal including a drink, inspired by South American cuisine.

We hope the children are excited to get their chef hats on!



### Key dates and important information:

| Date             | Activity                           |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Thursday morning | Gymnastics (all classes)           |
| Friday morning   | Outdoor PE (all classes)           |
| Every Friday     | Swimming (Laburnum ONLY this term) |
| Every Friday     | Times tables and spellings tests   |
| Every Friday     | Music lessons                      |

### PE

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day. All items of clothing should be clearly named, including school uniform.

### Swimming

In Year 4, children have a course of 10 weekly swimming lessons. This term, it's Laburnum's turn. Please speak to the class teacher if you have any questions about this.

# OUR CURRICULUM

## English

This term, our core text is the much-loved *Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White. As we explore life on the farm and the friendships between its animals, we will use the story as inspiration for our writing. Children will create third-person setting descriptions, bringing the farm to life through the five senses, similes and expanded noun phrases. They will use fronted adverbials of place to guide readers around the setting. We will also follow Templeton the rat on his adventures, writing entertaining third-person narratives about a day in his life. Children will use expanded noun phrases to add specific detail and fronted adverbials of manner and frequency to describe how he behaves and how often events happen. Alongside this, we will practise using commas after fronted adverbials and apostrophes to show plural possession, such as "the animals' food".

## Mathematics

In maths, we will begin by focusing on place value. We will be learning about the value of each digit within a four-digit number, before moving onto comparing and ordering such numbers. We will then begin our work on addition and subtraction and learn how to use the column method for each of these.



At the end of Year 4, all children will take a multiplication test. The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for primary schools. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. We will send out more information nearer the time.

## Science

This half term, children will be learning about States of Matter. They will compare and group materials according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. Through practical investigations, children will observe how some materials change state when heated or cooled and measure the temperatures at which these changes happen. They will also explore evaporation and condensation, learning about their roles in the water cycle and investigating how temperature affects the rate of evaporation.

### RE

This half term, children will explore different Christian places of worship and their features. They will learn why prayer is important to Christians and identify beliefs shared across Christian traditions.

## How to support your child at home with their learning this half term...

- **Science** – What melts in your house? Explore this using food and drink.
- **DT** – Try some South American dishes together! Can you make a tortilla wrap, bean stew or empanada for dinner?
- **Reading** – Daily reading is essential. Please ensure you complete the diary and have your book and reading in school every day.
- **Maths** – Continue to practise your 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables on Times Tables Rockstars.