

4J Newsletter

Autumn Term September – December 2020

Dear 4J parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new year at Phil and Jim! I wanted to take the opportunity to say how much I am looking forward to being a part of the community here at Phil and Jim, and to be working with you and your child this year. I also thought that this would be an opportune moment to communicate some details which may be of interest.

Communication

If you have any queries, please email the office with your concerns. These emails will be passed on to me and I will aim to respond within 48 working hours.

Focus this term

Our focus in Autumn 1 will be based around the influence of Julius Caesar on Ancient Rome and ultimately Britain. We will be exploring the history, music, art and wider culture of Ancient Rome and the impact of the Roman Invasion on Britain. In Autumn 2, we will be focusing on recycled art and plastic pollution. If you have any knowledge or experience that may assist us in this topic, please feel free to contact me.

Maths and English

Your child will be learning how to write a defeating the monster tale, an adventure story, persuasive letters and newspaper reports. In maths they will be working on number, place value and rounding, mental calculation, multiplication and division, properties of shapes, measurement and fractions. We will continue to practise our times tables in class and I will be encouraging children to revise them at home.

Homework

Homework will go out on Class Dojo on a Friday and should be completed by the following Wednesday. The first homework of the school year, however, will go home with reading records.

PE kits

Please could we remind you that a full school PE kit is required for PE lessons which includes a separate pair of PE trainers. We have a compulsory PE kit which consists of white or navy shorts and trainers (which can be purchased from any outlet) and our navy school T-shirt, which you can purchase [online](#). PE kit should be in school Monday-Friday. May we also remind children with long hair that it must be tied back for PE, and that jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

Swimming

The start date for swimming is yet to be confirmed. Hopefully, 4J will be swimming on Thursday mornings after the February half term. The date of the first session will be confirmed in due course. When swimming is confirmed, please ensure that your child has a swimming costume, towel, goggles and swimming cap for these sessions. If your child is unable to swim for a medical reason please could you put this in writing to me.

Morning Routine

Entry into school will be at 8.50am via the main entrance by the office. At the end of the day your child will be let out via the same place at 3.10pm.

Shoes for school

I would recommend a stable and robust shoe which is appropriate for all climates. The school requests that no flip-flops or clogs be worn, and that shoes worn for school be secure on your child's feet. As the weather deteriorates, please provide a pair of wellies or shoes for the rain or snow.

Reading Record

This year each child will have a reading record. They can record when they have read at home, and if this has been to an adult. Reading at home should take place every day. It is beneficial for all children to read aloud to an adult regardless of their fluency. Please could you ensure that your child brings their reading record to school each day.

Thank you very much for all of your understanding and support with this. I look forward to a fantastic term, and to getting to know you all better as the year progresses!

Miss Jackson

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