

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term September – December 2021

Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at Phil and Jim School! We wanted to take the opportunity to say how much we are looking forward to working with your children this year; we have a fantastic timetable of topics to explore and we are excited to share in this learning journey with the children. In Year 4 we are lucky enough to have Miss Sousa, Miss Sheikh and Miss Holden working with us. We thought that this would be a good moment to communicate some details which may be of interest about the coming year.

Communication

If you have any queries and would like to discuss these over the phone, please email the office and we will aim to respond within 48 hours.

Topic this term

We have chosen to base our topic work on a historical figure until October half term. Our work will be focussed around the life of Julius Caesar and ancient Rome. After half term, our topic work will be inspired by Rodrigo's Recycled Art where we will explore different uses for recycling as well as examining the effect waste has on the planet.

Maths and English

We will start the year by consolidating key skills in English and working on our descriptive writing. In Maths, we will be working on number, place value and addition and subtraction, using manipulatives and pictorial representations to support our mental calculations.

Learning at home

The children will be set reading books via the Collins big cat platform. The children have a reading record and are expected to be reading to an adult daily at home and this could include books from home as well as online books set at school. They will receive 1 house point for reading 3 times a week (and having the record signed); 2 house points for reading 5 times a week; and 3 house points for reading 7 times a week. Records will be checked by an adult in school each week so please ensure your child has it with them. Homework will be set and handed-in via the online platform 'Class Dojo'. We will be setting weekly tasks and providing feedback through the platform. Homework will be set on a Friday and marked on a Wednesday. Please endeavour to hand homework in punctually to ensure that feedback can be given.

PE kits

Please could we remind you that a full school PE kit (which can be purchased from the office) is required for PE lessons and should include a separate pair of PE trainers. 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.

Morning routine

Your child will be able to enter school through the Year 4 courtyard at 8:40am where there will be a member of staff to greet them. Your child will then move to their class and hang their belongings on their peg and settle before the register is taken between 8:50am and 9:00 am.

We would like to ask that any important information that needs to be communicated to your child's teacher is sent via email to the office to ensure a smooth transition for the children in the morning.

Home time routine

At the end of the day, your child will be let out through the gate and must be collected by a responsible adult. If you have made other plans for your child getting home, please could you inform the office, via email, as early as possible to allow them time to disseminate this information as required.

Outdoor Learning

During this term the children will be taking part in outdoor learning sessions. These sessions will involve taking part in outdoor activities whilst working on areas of the PSHE curriculum. As the weather begins to become colder and wetter as we head into autumn, we would ask the children have clothing appropriate for these sessions, including robust and stable footwear, as well as a spare set of clothes. Children in 4P will have their outdoor learning sessions on Monday morning with children in 4J on Friday morning.

Drinks bottles

Please can all children bring a drinks bottle to school, to be filled with water. This can be refilled throughout the day as needed.

We look forward to an exciting term!

Mr Bovey-Hull and Miss Newman

