



## Welcome Back

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you all! We are looking forward to having the children back in school for the Lent term.

### R.E.

We have started our fourth topic of the term, 'Community', in which we will be thinking about our local church, diocese and community. We will investigate reasons for many actions of Christians who give service to the parish community and the various ministries which enable them to do this. Following this, we will begin our fifth topic, 'Giving and Receiving', in which we will investigate and consider the actions and symbols used within the celebration of the Eucharist. As always, the Knowledge Organisers for these topics can be accessed on the class webpage.

We will be celebrating Ash Wednesday mass as a school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025. **Year 4** will be attending, alongside the rest of our school and everyone is welcome to join us.

## English

**Writing:** Following our non-chronological report writing, last half term, this half term we will be creating our own journey tales. Our model text will focus on an extract from Podkin One Ear. The children will consider writer's tricks to introduce a new character to the story and create a journey which the characters will embark on.

**Spelling:** We are continuing with our Read, Write, Inc spellings, with three fifteen-minute spelling lessons per week. Assessment throughout each unit is ongoing, and each week children will log 6 words that they have found difficult in their 'Spelling Logs'. It is important to note that these words are personalised to each child, and therefore there is no 'set' spelling list each week.

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**Reading:** In Year 4, the children's reading is continuing to develop well and we are really noticing the impact of home reading!

As a reminder, the children should continue to utilize their reading bookmarks at home, on which they are to write down any words that they are unfamiliar with or have struggled to pronounce. Your child is expected to bring their home reading book into school once a week, on a set day (which the children are aware of). This is so that teachers and teaching assistants can listen to them read and track progress. If your child fails to bring their book two weeks in a row, you will receive a letter making you aware of this.

In our Talk for Reading sessions this half term, we will be covering extracts, lyrics and videos from texts such as *The Last Firefox*, *Escape from Pompeii*, *Bill's New Frock*, *Zelda Claw* and *the Rain Cat*, *Funky Chickens* and *The Greatest Showman*.

## Maths

In Maths this half term, we are continuing to build knowledge of Multiplication and Division. Following this, we will be learning about Area and Fractions.

As always, practice on both Arithmagicians and Times Tables Rockstars as part of regular homework, greatly supports the children's knowledge and recall of their multiplications.

In Year 4, as we continue to prepare for the 'Multiplication Check', a statutory assessment which takes place in May, the children regularly practice on the Multiplication Check within class. There is a link to the MTC, which the children will be using in school, on our class webpage.

## P.E.

The children will have two P.E. lessons each week. This half term, our P.E days will be **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. We will be continuing with our swimming sessions on Tuesdays and on Wednesdays, the focus of the sessions for the children will gymnastics. Children are to come to school in their active uniform on these days. Outdoor kit should include plain black tracksuit bottoms, yellow polo shirt, yellow sweatshirt and outdoor trainers. Please ensure all items are fully labelled! For convenience, I politely ask that long hair be tied back, and earrings removed on P.E. days. Whilst we advise against it, if your child's earrings are new and unable to be taken out, they must be taped over with surgical tape, brought in from home. However, earrings cannot be taped over for swimming, as the tape clogs the filters and is therefore not allowed by the swimming baths.

## Brass Lessons

For music, Year 4 will be continuing with our brass lessons from a qualified brass instructor. These will fall on a Friday afternoon, so please ensure that the children **bring their instruments in on Thursdays**, ready for our lessons.

Children are expected to practice their instruments at home to support their progress.

## Homework

In Year 4, homework will be set every Monday, due to be returned the following Monday. Homework will be sent home in their personalised homework journal. Alternatively, overarching homework projects may be set. These will span over a few weeks/a half term and details of each project will be sent home in plenty of time.

## Water Bottles

Please make sure that children are sent into school with a refillable water bottle each day. In Year 4, the children are encouraged to keep water bottles next to them in lessons.

## Year 4 Residential

We are so excited for our class residential to Lea Green on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. The children are very excited for the trip and we will be sure to keep you updated with our adventures on the class Twitter feed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to us at the end of the school day once all of the children have been dismissed. If, at that point, you feel you require a longer appointment, we can arrange a meeting via the school office (01773 822278). We are really looking forward to an exciting term and a fun-filled year!

Thank you in advance for your support.

**Miss Hickling & Mrs Baker**