

Class 4 Curriculum Update

Wednesday 18th September 2024

Monthly values – 'Diversity' and 'Empathy'



Welcome to Year 4!

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Year 4 and the first curriculum update for the year. It has been lovely to see some familiar parents again and I look forward to getting to know some new ones too. The class has only been back a couple of weeks but they are already settling down into new routines and making a good start with their work already. I am sure it will be a great year ahead with many exciting opportunities and experiences along the way!

Theme - 'Cry freedom'

Our first theme of the year is all about slavery and how there have been different types of slavery throughout history. We have been learning about Henry 'Box' Brown, who escaped being a slave by mailing himself across America in a box and to freedom. We have a box in our classroom that we are using to help us understand what it may have been like inside! This will provide the basis for much of our English and History work this half term.

In science, we have started learning about electricity and had great fun making circuits with lightbulbs, motors, buzzers and switches.

There are many different members of staff who your child will come into contact with but some of the main ones working in our class are Ms Harris, Mrs Devereux (both Learning Support Assistants), Miss Lane (sports apprentice), Mrs Blaker (French) and Mrs Wilson-Goddard (Music).

Homework expectations

Please encourage and support your children to practise online on TTRockstars and SpellingShed every week. Log-in codes have been given to your child and stuck in the front of their reading records for reference. A new list of spellings will be put onto SpellingShed every Monday to practise. You may decide to practise in another way, a list of suggestive ways to practise can be seen in the 'Spelling Menu' on the Learning guidance section of the Website.

At the end of Year 4, there is a national assessment related to times tables so we will be working towards this every week. I will give you more details later on in the year. If you prefer, then you don't have to use these online games but please ensure you still practise on paper or orally. Playing games together are always the best way to learn.

Finally, please encourage your child to get into a regular routine with reading every evening. Please record every time they read to help them achieve their '40 Reads' and get a free book! Please ensure the reading record is brought to and from school every day.

Thank you for your support with this at home.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I am at the gate after school every day, you can call the school office or send an email. Thank you from Mr Ford, Mr Batstone and the wider Year 4 team.

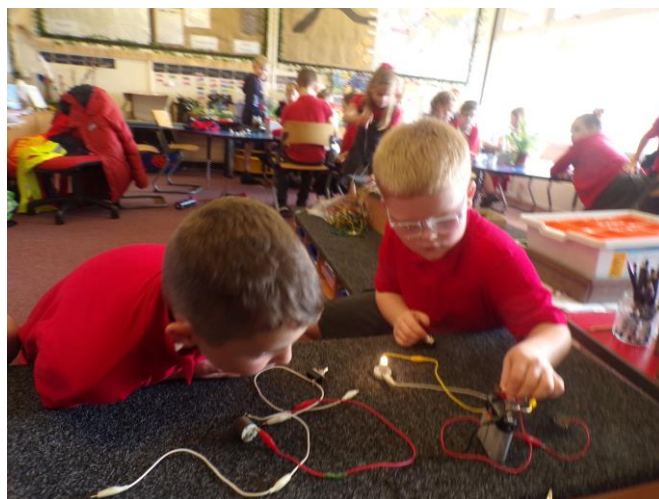
Diary Dates

P.E. every Wednesday.

Swimming every Thursday

Forest School **alternate** Tuesdays (24th September, 8th October and 22nd October).

Family assembly on Friday 15th November



Junior Foresters Award

Year 4 have already started working towards their award with Tim Kaye from the Royal Forestry Society. They have already completed 2 out of 6 units. Forest School will continue to be full days at our Forest School site every alternate Tuesdays. Forest school clothes, wellies and packed lunches please. Many thanks.

