

Class 4 Newsletter

Summer 1 2022

Dear parents, carers and children,
Welcome back! We hope that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break, and are ready for an exciting half term ahead. The children have returned to school with an outstanding attitude towards their learning and both myself and Mrs Jones have been blown away with how excited the children have been about their new topics.

Myself, Mrs Jones and Mrs Barlow all (genuinely!) really look forward to coming in to work with this class each day – they are a credit to you all. I hope I can make their last full term in Year 4 as enjoyable as possible and that we continue with our amazing learning.

Staffing

In class we have the support of Mrs Jones each morning, and Mrs Barlow will be covering my PPA time on a Tuesday afternoon.

Topic

History: Ancient Greece

'Why were the ancient Greeks ruled by their Gods?'

Our topic focus this term is history based, and covers a wide range of learning, including some very exciting art and drama tasks! We will;

- Know some of the main characteristics of the Athenians and the Spartans
- Know about the influence the gods had on Ancient Greeks
- Know at least five sports from the Ancient Greek Olympics

At the end of this topic we will be having an 'Ancient Greece' day to celebrate our learning. More information will be sent out regarding this closer to the time – we already can't wait!

English

Key Writing Genres:

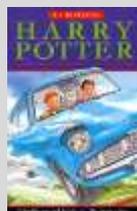
- News Paper Report
- Narrative – Myths and Legends
- Independent short stories ensuring inclusion of key grammar focuses

Spelling, punctuation and grammar focus:

- Draft and write by organising paragraphs around a theme
- Use a range of sentences with more than one clause
- Use appropriate nouns and pronouns within sentences, to avoid repetition and confusion
- Write a non-narrative using simple organisational devices (e.g. headings and subheadings)

Class Book

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets



Due to popular demand! The children were incredibly engaged with the last class book, and so have voted to continue with the HP theme! We will be completing weekly Guided Reading tasks based on this text and various non-fiction texts.

Mathematics

This half term we will be looking at two key topic areas within our mathematics work, and they are as follows:

Topic Area focus 1:

Money

- Estimate, compare and calculate money in pounds and pence
- Solve simple measure and money problems involving fractions and decimals to two decimal places
- Convert between different units of measure (e.g. pounds to pence)

Topic Area focus 2:

Length, Area and Perimeter

- Measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure (including squares) in cm and m
- Find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares
- Convert between different units of measure (e.g. cm to m)

Multiplications

- Count in multiples of 6
- Count in multiples of 7
- Count in multiples of 8
- Count in multiples of 9
- Count in multiples of 12

Physical Education

Monday afternoon (Oldham Sports Team)

- Cricket and rounders

Friday afternoon (Miss Olivia)

- Dance

Please make sure your child comes to school on PE days wearing their kit. You will receive a text if your child is not wearing the correct kit in school on the day of a lesson.

PE Kit

- Black pumps for indoor PE
- Plain dark shorts/leggings
- Plain white round necked T-shirt
- Trainers for outdoor PE
- Plain dark jogging bottoms and tracksuit top for outdoor sport in cold weather

Please note that no jewellery of any kind may be worn in PE.



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Jigsaw: Relationships

This half term we are once again joined with Jigsaw Jazz and Jerrie Cat to explore the puzzle piece 'Relationships'. The children will learn about respect within group situations, and how to solve conflict within friendship groups.

Brass Lessons

The children have taken to their brass lessons brilliantly and it is always enjoyable to sit and listen to them playing each week. The children are starting to perform solo pieces for the class and it is wonderful to see their confidence growing each week. I will ensure there is a video of their progress posted on Google Classroom at the end of the term.

Home learning

Friday: Spellings

New spellings will be given out each Friday and tested the following Friday. Children will bring home their scores and a list of any words they may have found tricky.

Friday: Multiplications

I will be continuing to set the children challenges and tasks on Times Table Rock Stars.

We still do not have the full class active on the site, so please let me know if you are having any issues logging your child on.

I am also going to send home multiplication books, where the children will be able to practice the methods we have been working on in class.

We are not receiving all of these back each week. Please can you speak to your children about the importance of this work, as it will help them within their mathematics lessons and with the multiplications assessment in June.

The children work on their multiplications in class daily; in written form, verbal and on the iPads. I have seen a clear improvement in all children's confidence surrounding their tables, so thank you for encouraging them to complete the home learning tasks each week! It is certainly working!

Multiplication Assessment Summer 1 2022

The multiplication assessment for children in Year 4 is due to take place this year between Monday 6th June and Friday 24th June.

I have attached all of the information to this newsletter for you. PLEASE do not feel that any additional work needs to be done at home with your child – this is an assessment to gain an understanding of how fluent your child is with their multiplications. It is important that we get a clear picture of this so that specific, targeted work can take place in Year 5 and 6.

In class we will be working on the following website so that the children are able to practise the timed element of the assessment:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Note from Miss Cuerden

It has been once again recognised by staff throughout the school that Class 4 consistently demonstrate high standards of behaviour and are setting an outstanding example for the rest of the school. I couldn't be prouder of them and I hope that they realise how amazing they all are!

If you ever have any concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch. It is highly important to me that, as we approach the end of the academic year, they feel happy at school and are continuing with their wonderful progress.

See you soon,
Miss Cuerden