



Year 4 Spring Newsletter

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Thank You!

What a busy autumn term it has been! Thank you to all Y4 parents for supporting your child, and helping to make the autumn term so successful. The Y4 children have settled down really well, worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of them.

Here are a few reminders and some useful information about the **spring** term:

Spring Term Topics

In the spring term we will be learning about:

- * Invaders and Settlers - The Romans, Vikings and Anglo-Saxons (History)
- * Sound (Science)
- * Collage (Art)
- * Rhythms (music)
- * French (MFL)
- * The School Allotment – composting (Science)
- * Games Skills and Keep Fit (PE)
- * Democracy (PSHE)
- * Inspirational People (RE)
- * Word processing and online safety (Computing)



Reading and Reading Books



Please encourage your child to read every day! Children who are still on the **reading scheme** need to aim to change their book at least **once a week**, unless they are reading a 'thick' book. Reading books are **changed on Mondays and Thursdays ONLY** and should be transported in a book bag. When books are returned to school, they are made safe before being returned to the library and re-distributed. Children who are not on the reading scheme will still be expected to read books at home as part of their homework. We have lots of lovely books available for children on 'free reading' to borrow if they wish.

Class Novels: In year 4, novel studies take place as part of our reading lessons. This term we are reading, Roman Invasion by Jim Eldridge.

Spelling

Spellings are set every week and tested the following Friday. Spellings lists will continue to be uploaded onto SeeSaw for the children to access and learn throughout the week. It is imperative that your child **THOROUGHLY LEARNS** their spellings in order to reach the expected standard for Year 4.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set via SeeSaw on Thursdays and should be completed by the following Tuesday if possible. Tasks will be varied and will link to class work. The class teacher will comment on finished work on SeeSaw.



Multiplication Tables

By the end of Year 4, pupils are expected to be able to recall **ALL** multiplication tables up to 12x12. Please continue to encourage your child to use **Timestables Rockstars** to help with this. We have a weekly tables progress test in class every Friday.



Handwriting and Pen Licences



This term we will continue to work on improving **handwriting skills**. Many children have already earned their '**pen licence**' and can now write in pen in their books. School provides a blue pen for children to use once they have their Pen Licence, but your child may wish to use an erasable pen which you can purchase from most supermarkets, stationers or Amazon. Practising at home will really help your child to improve, so please encourage them to do so, especially with written homework tasks which should be joined and neatly presented.

PE

PE days will be **Monday and Fridays for 4FW and Mondays for 4P**. PE will take place outdoors – weather permitting. Children should continue to come to school in their PE kits on these days. Suitable **winter** PE kits consist of jogging bottoms, a T shirt, a sweatshirt or fleece (if possible grey, black and green school colours) and trainers (NOT pumps). Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back and no jewellery to be worn, unless religious.

Y4 swimming lessons are expected to begin in January:

4P swimming lessons start on the 15th January until 26th March (10 weeks).

4FW will go swimming from 30th April until 15th July (11 weeks).



Self-isolation Home learning on Seesaw

'Waiting for a Test' Pack - Please only allow your child to complete this if they are off school waiting for a test result for themselves or a member of the household. We have uploaded several maths and English tasks for your child to complete whilst at home. They were uploaded on Seesaw back in September, so you may need to scroll down through the activities to find them.

Quarantine Packs –If your child is off school because they have to quarantine for 14 days **AND** they are well enough to do their school work, then a Quarantine Pack will be uploaded to your child’s individual Seesaw account for them to access and complete at their own pace. You will need to inform the office if your child is having to quarantine at home.



What to Bring to School – Reminder



Children will need a **warm, water-proof jacket** throughout the spring term. Like last term, we will continue to take our learning outside when we can, and will try to ensure the children have as much outdoor play and fresh air as possible. The classrooms have to be well **ventilated** so please make sure your child wears lots of layers to stay warm, as the windows will remain open all day! Children are allowed to wear an additional fleece sweatshirt or a body warmer in class.

Bookbags should be brought on Mondays and Thursdays if your child needs their book changing.



NO NUTS!!

Please make sure your child has their water bottle EVERYDAY and their packed lunch (unless they are having a school Grab-a-Bag!). **REMINDER: WE ARE NUT FREE!** Please do not put items containing nuts in packed lunches.

Your child is allowed to bring a piece of fruit for a snack at playtime. Please try to avoid plastic pots and wrappers!

No toys, bikes, scooters or other equipment allowed in school. Sadly, **no** birthday sweets to be shared for the time being. We will wish children a “Happy Birthday” in class.

Arriving and Leaving School - Reminder

Please arrive at school no earlier than 8.50 a.m. when the gates will be opened. Only one parent should do the drop off and pick up and you should leave the playground **promptly**. At home time, the school gates will open at 3.20 p.m. If you need to speak to your child’s teacher, please email the office at admin@highfield.leeds.sch.uk and they will pass the messages and emails on.

Key Dates for the Spring Term

4P Swimming – 15th January to 26th March

4FW Swimming – 30th March to 15th July

12th February – Training day

4th March – World Book Day – Caribbean and African Stories

24th March – Y4 Viking Workshop in school

31st March – Parent Consultation Meetings on Microsoft Teams

1st April – Parent Consultation Meetings on Microsoft Teams



