



Year 4 Spring Newsletter

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Thank You!

Welcome back and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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 and the recorder (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.

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 and even newspapers 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 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 including the statutory 3/4 list words 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 **Times table Rockstars** to help with this. We have a weekly tables progress test in class every Friday.



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 Wednesday for 4FW and Tuesdays and Thursdays in 40'M**. 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.



Self-isolation Home learning on Seesaw

Isolation Packs –If your child is off school because they have to isolate for 7 days **AND** they are well enough to do their school work, then a pack of work 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 isolate at home.



What to Bring to School – Reminder



Children will need a **warm, water-proof jacket** throughout the spring term. 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.



Please make sure your child has their water bottle EVERYDAY and their packed lunch (unless they are having a school lunch). **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

Week beginning 10th January – late gate week (Thinking about punctuality we will be monitoring any late arrivals every morning) Children should be in their lines on the playground at 8.55 a.m.

Wednesday 19th January – Gurdwara Trip

Friday 18th February– Training day

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day – dress up as a word

2nd February – 4FW Class Assembly

2nd March – 4O’M Class Assembly

Wednesday 30th March – Parent Consultation Meetings on Microsoft Teams

Thursday 31st March – Parent Consultation Meetings on Microsoft Teams

