



Year 4 Autumn Newsletter



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Welcome to Year 4!

We are really looking forward to seeing you in September. We have lots of fantastic lessons and experiences planned. We hope you find all the information on this newsletter useful. Please share it with your child.



Autumn Term Topics

In the autumn term we will be learning about:

- Coastlines—including map-work, coastal geography and settlements (Geography)
- Scratch – (Computing)
- Fossils, Rocks and Soils (Science)
- Sketching skills /Water colour painting (Art)
- Electricity (Science)
- French (MFL)
- The School Allotment (Science)
- Games Skills and gymnastics(PE)
- Feeling Good and Being Me (PSHE)
- Emotional Literacy (PSHE)
- Sikhism (RE)

Reading and Reading Books



Please encourage your child to read every day!

Children who are 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, Stig of the Dump by Clive King.





Spelling

Spellings are set on Thursdays every week and tested the following Thursday. Spelling 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 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 and topics. The class teacher will comment on finished work on SeeSaw.

Seesaw



Multiplication Tables

By the end of Year 4, pupils are expected to be able to recall **ALL** multiplication tables up to 12x12. They will be given a multiplication tables check (MTC) by the government at the end of the year. 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 work on improving **handwriting skills**. Many children will earn their 'pen licence' and can 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 Wednesdays for 4FW** and **Tuesday and Thursday for 40'M**. PE will take place outdoors – weather permitting. Children should 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.





What to Bring to School – Reminder

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

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bags, rather than rucksacks should be brought on Mondays and Thursdays if child needs their book changing. They do not need anything else during the remainder of the week.



NO NUTS!!

Please make sure your child has their water bottle EVERYDAY and their packed lunch. **RE-MINDER: 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 school gates will open at 8:45 and 3:15. The children start school at 8:55 and will be brought out at the end of the day at 3:30. 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 Autumn Term

Robin Hood's Bay - 27th - 29th September

Two days and one night for each of our year 4 classes

September -December – 4FW Swimming

Thu 14 Oct 2021 - Open Morning For Parents To See Their Children And Books In Class 9.15 - 10.00

Wed 20 Oct 2021 - Parent Consultation Meetings On Microsoft Teams

Thu 21 Oct 2021 - Parent Consultation Meetings On Microsoft Teams

Wed 24 Nov 2021 - Year 4 Robin Hood's Bay Concert 9.20 A.m.

Thu 25 Nov 2021 - Open Morning For Prospective New Parents 9.30 - 11.00

Wed 01 Dec 2021 - Christmas Fayre Afternoon 2.30 P.m. - 4.30 P.m.

Fri 03 Dec 2021 - Orchestra And Carol Concert 2.30 P.m.

Wed 15 Dec 2021 - Carol Service KS2