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Year 4 Newsletter Autumn 2 2023



Welcome back to the second half of Autumn term. We launched our new learning challenge of 'What are the main features of the UK?' with an exciting challenge to build the tallest tower with spaghetti and marshmallows - we clearly have some future engineers in the making! Our focus in Science will be 'Living things and their habitats'.



English

This term, our first literacy unit is based around a suspense story called **The Abandoned City**, where we will learn how to draw on a range of tools to build **suspense** such as the use of **personification** to describe the weather. Our non-fiction text will focus on a writing a balanced argument to debate different views.

Maths



This half term we will be focusing on: **multiplication and division**. We will be exploring multiplying by different numbers before looking at written methods to multiply 2-digit numbers (with and without renaming) and then dividing 2-digit and 3-digit numbers. Remember that your homework on **Mangahigh** will support our learning in school and use of **TTRS** will help develop quick recall of multiplication facts.

Reading at Home



Your child should be reading their colour banded book at home for 10-15 minutes each day. We expect to see a Seesaw post at least 3 times a week with a picture of the book. This year, we are also introducing **Book Talk** sessions every **Friday**, where children will be discussing the book they are currently reading with their peers in class. As such, it is important that your child has their **reading book in school every Friday**. This will help us track and monitor reading in school. Remember your child can still change their books every day in class.

Learning at Home

Click [here](#) for a copy of the Autumn 2 home Learning Grid. All children should now be up and running with passwords for Mangahigh, Times Tables Rock Stars, EdShed and Lexia if your child has access to this. We are aware of some issues with EdShed. This was a problem with the distribution of licences, which has now hopefully been resolved - thank you for your patience.

Your child will be set a weekly spelling list at 3pm on EdShed each Friday and will complete a dictation assessment on Friday the following week.



Important Information

PE/Swimming

PE in Year 4 will continue to be every Monday. Please note the new [PE kit](#) of a **black t-shirt and black shorts, skirt or leggings**. 4L and 4H will continue to swim on a Monday up till Christmas and Mr Knowles will send further information before the end of the term about the arrangements after Christmas.



Lost Property

Please ensure your child's clothes are all labelled. Every Friday, all unnamed lost property will be put out on tables in the playground for everyone to view.



Did you hear...?

If you missed our contribution to the BHM exhibition last week, pictures are on Seesaw. Y4 produced a great collaborative piece inspired by a picture of Olive Morris. Our pixelated megaphone was made up of 148 individual calligrams (shape poems) on a watercolour background.



Dates for your diary...

Please click [here](#) to find a comprehensive list of dates available on the whole school termly newsletter that went out last week.

Friday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day and
Christmas dinner

9am Tuesday 12th December
Y3/4 Panto Junior School

Thursday 14th December
Class Christmas party

