Class 4

Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed the half term break. This term is another busy term full of learning and knowledge building. Please see below the information about what we will be learning together this half term. We are also looking forward to our learning away at Attenborough nature reserve on Wednesday 18th November. As always, if *you have any questions about your child's learning please contact* us to arrange a meeting.

Reading

We cannot emphasise enough the importance of reading to and with your child every day. *Home learning expectations are* '***Read Every School Day***'. We strive for every child to develop a love and passion for reading. Please support with reading to and with your child and write in their reading diary.

Fluency Targets- By the end of Year 4 children should be reading a minimum of 130 words per minute.



Our new class reader is: Stitch Head by Guy Bass
Deep in the maze-like dungeons of Castle Grotteskew, insane Professor Erasmus created Stitch Head, a small, almost-human creature. His experiments continued, filling the castle with creations so fabulously monstrous that Stitch Head was long forgotten. Until a travelling circus ringmaster knocks at the castle door, promising to make Stitch Head a star. Is this *Stitch Head's chance to venture beyond the castle walls? Or could he be making a terrible mistake…?*



Attendance – 97% is our MINIMUM expectation

It is vital children attend on time as our learning starts **8.45am as the gates open.** We always learn our spellings at the start of the day. Children must be on time so they *don't miss this learning.*

PE Days: Fridays

Your child must come in their PE kit on Fridays.
PE kit is:
Plain red t-shirt
Plain black shorts or joggers
NO BRANDED LOGOS
No jewellery can be worn due to health and safety. Please remove earrings or ensure your child can. If not, we have medical tape to cover them.



Forest School

This half term the children in Year 4 will be taking part in Forest school once a week. This will take place on a Tuesday. **Please ensure children bring wellies into school on a Tuesday and have a warm coat.**

Science



This half term, we will be learning about animals and how to classify them. We will be looking at invertebrates and vertebrates. We will learn about animals and which habitats are most suited to them.

Key vocabulary-

- Warm blooded and cold-blooded animals
- Invertebrate and vertebrate
- classification keys (Carl Linnaeus)
- taxonomy

Mathematics Learning: Measurements. Multiplication and Division.

We will be focusing on measurements of area. We will also be focusing on multiplication and division within the 3, 6, 9 and 7 timetables.

X tables- We will be focusing on our 9 times tables this half term. It is expected for year 4 to be able to recall all times tables up to 12. You can use this website to help: https://www.timestables.co.uk/

Knowledge Theme- Geography –Biomes, Weather and Climate

Key geographical skills- Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts.

This term we will be looking at the difference between weather and climate. We will investigate how the climate changes the landscape and vegetation of a country. We will learn about how Earth has different biomes

Key vocabulary- biomes, climate, desert, equator, grassland, latitude, longitude, meteorologist, precipitation, temperate, tropical, and tundra.

Computing

In computing we will be looking at how to use the *programming scheme called 'LOGO@. We will learn how to* programme a shape to move following the commands that we put in.