

# Year 4 **Autumn Term Newsletter**

### **Welcome Back**

We have had a fantastic start to Year 4 and have been impressed with all of our pupils. We know we are going to have a great year! If you have any concerns or uncertainties about your child in school, please do not hesitate to contact us after school, or by Dojo. We will also keep the Year 4 Dojo page up to date, so any important news will be on there. Thank you for your continuing support.

> The Year 4 Team. Mrs Flynn, Miss Hammonds, Miss Pickering and Miss Lloyd



# This Term's Topic

This term we will be learning all about the USA. We will cover geographical skills including looking closely at maps and using an atlas. Looking back in time to significant people and events in history including Martin Luther King and the human rights movement.

## Groupings

For this academic year, children will be staying in classes for the teaching of reading and writing. Within Maths, we are introducing flexible grouping so that the children can be grouped in order to target their specific needs.





Our P.E lessons will take place on Wednesday and ALL children should come to school in their PE kit. Please ensure your child's kit is in line with the school uniform policy, and is clearly named. The classes will rotate and the sessions will split between indoor and outdoor. Please tie long hair back and no earrings are to be worn for Health and Safety reasons.

#### Homework

Homework will be given out on Friday and will be due the following Wednesday. Homework will be of a similar format to last year, a short activity recapping what the children have learned in Maths, English with a variety of Science, PSHE activities too.—if you need any help, we are only a Dojo away.

## **Dojos**

Please ensure you have signed up to the Year 4 Group Dojo to receive updates and reminders. All of our important information goes on here.

#### Uniform

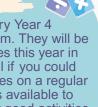
Please write your child's name in their jumpers and cardigans to reduce the number of lost property items. Coats should be clearly labelled, school bags and water bottles.



## **English**

Our work this half term will be based on the book 'Queen of the Falls' by Chris Van Allsburg. A fascinating true story. We will also continue to develop our reading skills through Book Club sessions and develop our knowledge and vocabulary around book discussions. Our first text is The Matchbox Diary by Paul Fleischman. Another true story! Reading We encourage all children to read for at least 10+ minutes a day and record this in their reading diary. Please sign your child's diary. Staff will check your child's diary and issue a raffle ticket if they read at home.

#### **Maths**



The children will be taking a mandatory Year 4 Multiplication Check during the Summer Term. They will be working very hard to learn their times tables this year in their classes. It would be greatly beneficial if you could ensure that your child is practising their tables on a regular basis. There are lots of fantastic websites available to support you with this, as well as some really good activities on Purple Mash. Please try to have a look. Please follow this order x3 x6 then x4 x8. Once secure in these the children should go onto x7 and x9. We are grateful for all your support. Here are some other great websites:

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

https://www.multiplication.com/games/all-games

https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multip lication-Tables-Check

TIMESTABLES ROCK STARS log-ins will be given to the children to use at home as well as school.

# **Looking Ahead**

We will be in touch over this term with further details about our trip in Spring Term next year to Laches Wood. We will be going to Laches Wood 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

