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What's going on in Year 4?

Autumn Term 1 – 2021

Dear Children, Parent/Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We are all very excited to be getting back to school and we hope you are too. The children have enjoyed their first day back at school and are already getting used to their new routines. As you are aware our school day begins at 8:45am, with the children able to come into the classroom between 8:40am and 8:50am. If children arrive after 8:50am, they should go directly to the school office as the outside door of the classroom will be closed and lessons will have begun.

The school day ends at 3:30pm with pick up between 3:25pm and 3:35pm. Anytime after this, children can be picked up from the school office. We ask that you make the Year 4 staff aware of any instances where your child will be collected by someone other than their primary carer. This includes times where you would like your child to meet you somewhere other than the classroom door. You can write this information in their homework diary.

We are very excited about the term and year ahead. We have lots of exciting activities and topics to look forward to. In this letter, we will share details of some of the things we shall be covering during this term. As you will be aware, the adults working in Year 4 are Mrs Avery, Miss Powell and Mrs Oliver.

Our year has already gotten off to a great start with our exciting Roman topic. During this topic we will be specifically looking at the impact of the Romans on Britain. The children are already really enjoying the immersion activities designed to engage them and to lay a foundation for future learning.

Early in the second half-term, our annual residential trip to Hathersage will take place. Further information will be shared with you about this later in this half-term. The trip will support many elements within our Geography topic on settlements and belonging and or Science topic on habitats and classifying living things.

Main highlights from this half term include:

- Maths** Recap and consolidate understanding of number and the number system including Roman numerals, written and mental methods of addition and subtraction.
- English** We will be looking at the following genres: legends and narratives based in historical settings. Punctuation and grammar sessions will form an integral part of our lessons. In addition, we will have a spelling session each Thursday to look at and investigate spelling rules and we will be developing our recall of the statutory Year 3 and 4 words. These are in the children's new reading diaries, at the back of their spelling booklet and on our class page.

Music As in previous years and with the support of The Arts Council of England, all of the children in Year 4 will receive weekly ukulele lessons during the autumn term. These are whole class sessions and will take place on Friday afternoons. The children will be provided with a ukulele to use during the lessons.

Humanities **History:** Romans and their impact on Britain.

PE PE for this half-term will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays and children should come into school dressed in the proper school PE uniform. In addition, Year 4 will have access to the cycling track during lunch time on Wednesdays, starting the week beginning the 13th of September. Children are expected to wear school uniform on Wednesdays.

Art In Art lessons, we will be developing our understanding of mosaics and sculpture.

Our curriculum will also cover activities in **PHSE, ICT, Spanish** and **RE**. For more information follow this link to our curriculum webpage: <https://abbeyroadprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Year-4-Overview-2021-2022-suggested.pdf>

Homework- will usually be given out on a Friday and expected back in the following Thursday.

The following homework list is a guide line/suggestion to help you support your child in the work they do out of school. Actual times may vary according to the ability of your child and you should use your judgement to gauge their individual needs.

- Daily reading - ideally to an adult for a minimum of fifteen minutes.
- Spelling - reinforcement of spelling strategies. We recommend visiting spellings daily for a short period of time rather than cramming the night before or morning of a spelling test. Spellings will usually be checked on Thursday and you will be able to see the results in the children's Reading Diaries.
- Times-tables – tested weekly in a timed test (usually on Fridays). The test will involve answering 25 multiplication calculations with a time limit of 6 seconds per question. For the moment, we will be focussing on individual times-tables such as 25 questions on the 2 times-tables, but this will expand quickly to include other times-tables as the term progresses. This will form part of the children's preparation for the statutory times-tables check that they will be required to take next June. Each week we will focus on a different times-tables and the details will be in their homework diaries. Fast and accurate recall of all times-tables is essential so that the children will not be distracted in calculations when learning the mechanics of written multiplication and division.
- One weekly paper-based task/activity based on our either our topic, Maths or English work (20-30 mins per week).

We anticipate that your child's homework diary will be a 2-way channel of communication between school and home and as such we would be grateful if you could at least sign/initial it on a weekly basis. You may add anything you wish to tell us as we will be checking and signing diaries once a week. If you do write a note to us in the diary, please ask your child to let us know there is a message for us. Thank you.

We are looking forward to the term and year ahead and thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Avery, Miss Powell and Mrs Oliver
The Year 4 Team

