

Winkleigh Primary School

Year 4 – Autumn Term Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for the Autumn term! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and have managed to make the most of the time away from school.

It was lovely to spend the two transition days together at the end of last term, getting to know the children and the children getting to know the new routines and expectations of year four. This year we are extremely lucky to have support in the classroom from both Mrs Luscombe and Mrs Statham. Mrs Luscombe will be in class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Mrs Statham will be with us on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. As well as this, the class will be taught by Mrs Gent on a Tuesday afternoon.

Our start of the day routine will be very much the same as last year. The school gates open for all children at 8:45 and will close at 8:55. The children will come in through the gate and line up on the playground to be collected and taken inside to begin their day. Our end of day routine is now slightly different, all children who are being collected from school (those who are not on the bus) will leave school via the gate at 3:30. There is no longer a staggered finishing time for KS1 and KS2 siblings.

The only things that the children will need to bring with them to school is their book bag containing their reading book, a water bottle and a packed lunch. Due to limited space in our cloakroom, we do not have the room to accommodate rucksacks or any extra belongings that the children bring in to school.

We are lucky to continue having PE lessons taught twice a week by sports coaches. For Year 4, these lessons will be on **Tuesday** afternoon and **Wednesday** at lunchtime. On these days, please can children be sent into school wearing their full PE kit. As we are now changing to our new uniform, this is a navy blue hoodie, plain navy or black shorts/joggers, a plain white t-shirt and black trainers. PE hoodies are only to be worn on these PE days as not as part of our full school uniform.

In English this year, we will begin our learning with a sequence about inspirational people. We will be using the book 'Fantastically Great Women who Changed the World' by Kate Pankhurst to learn about inspiring individuals before writing a biography. We will then move on to two other sequences based on the books 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry and 'Poetry Pie' by Roger McGough.

In Maths we will begin by looking at place value where we will explore different methods of representing numbers. The children will use physical resources to represent, compare and calculate with 3-digit numbers before moving to pictorial and then abstract representations. The children will continue to take part in the Around the World Challenge each week on Wednesday. We aim to keep the pressure around this low however any extra times tables practice at home would be fantastic.

Our other weekly quiz will be spellings on a Friday. Spelling lists will be sent home weekly and will contain a mixture of the statutory spellings and words that contain the spelling rules the children will learn throughout the year. Again, any support from home to help the children practice and learn these spellings will be greatly appreciated. Finally, I'd like to emphasise the importance of reading with your children at home. It really does make a huge impact on their learning when they are regularly spending time reading in school and at home.

This year, we are looking forward to having more opportunities to invite parents and carers into school. One of these events will be our welcome meeting which we will be holding in the Year 4 classroom on Monday 12th September at 3.00- 3.30pm, we look forward to seeing as many of you who can make it.

We are also glad to see the return of class bake sales as an opportunity to raise money towards our class funds to go towards classroom resources and school trips. Year 4's cake stall will be after school on Friday 18th November.

Please can we ask that if your child goes home on the school bus, you inform the office via a phone call or email should your child NOT be on the bus for some reason to avoid any confusion.

If you have any questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk We will try to get a reply within 48 hours.

Kind Regards,

Miss McLean