



# Whaplode C of E Primary - Year 4 Newsletter

(September 2023/ Autumn 1 - Term 1)

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that you all had a wonderful summer break and are now looking forward to getting back into the school routines.

I hope this newsletter answers any questions you may have regarding your child's learning, but if you are unsure of anything or wish to speak with me, please feel free to catch me at the end of the school day or make an appointment via the school office.

Mrs Sullivan

## English

This term the children will be writing a biography about Nikola Tesla; an adventure story based on a book called 'Journey' and a newspaper report based on 'The Wizards of Once'. Our class reader is 'The Miraculous Story of Edward Tulane' by Kate DiCamillo and we will study 'The Land of Roar' by Jenny McLachlan during whole class reading lessons. Spellings will be introduced in class and then sent home to learn on a Wednesday. Spelling practise sheets should be completed and returned on the following Monday when the children will be tested on their spellings. Any children obtaining low spelling results who have not returned their sheets will have to complete the sheets during break time and will be retested on them during a lunch time that week.

## Mathematics

In Maths, the children will extend their knowledge of number and place value as they move on to work with 4 and 5-digit numbers. They will be learning about Roman Numerals to 100 and rounding numbers. They will also be introduced to strategies to support their understanding and recall of the 6 times table.

## PE

The children will have two PE sessions each week. Mrs Rous will teach swimming on a Wednesday afternoon, and we will have an outdoor PE lesson with our sports coach on a Thursday. On a Thursday, children must attend in their PE kits. Earrings MUST be removed before school.

## French

This term the children will learn useful phonemes, how to introduce themselves by saying their name, how old they are and where they live in French.

Don't forget to check out the school website and our class Twitter page @whaplode\_4 for useful information and to see what we've been up to.

## Important Information

**Morning break snack** should be either **one piece of fruit, a box of raisins, a cereal bar, a piece of cheese, two plain biscuits or 20p for our fruit shop.**

**Homework** will be **sent home** on a **Thursday** and **must be in by** the following **Wednesday**.

Children are expected to **read at home a minimum of 4 times a week** in line with school policy. Please ask your child questions as they read to aid their comprehension and remember to sign their reading diary.

**Spellings** will be **sent home** on a **Wednesday** and **tested** on a **Monday**.

**Spelling sheets MUST be returned to school on a Monday morning.**

**Times tables** will also be **tested** on a **Monday**.

**Swimming kits including a swimming hat** must be **in school** on a **Wednesday** and children should **attend in PE kits** on a **Thursday**.

## Science

This term the children will study 'The Human Body'. They will learn cells are the building blocks of the human body and examine how we digest essential nutrients from a balanced diet to stay healthy.

## RE

This term the children will answer the Big Question 'Why Do We Celebrate?' They will study celebrations from various worldviews to consider how and why people celebrate differently.

## Foundation Subjects

In **Geography**, the children will develop their spatial sense, learning about the globe, scale, grid references and identifying how and why our local area has changed over time.

In **Art**, the children will be introduced to how artists use light. They will create still life drawings using graphite, chalk and charcoal to show tone.

In **History**, the children will be studying a unit called Ancient Greece exploring Greek life, Greek achievements and their influence on the Western World.

Our **DT** learning will start in Autumn term 2 when the children will be making 'Slingshot' cars.

In **Computing**, the children will start the term by looking at how to stay safe when searching online before moving on to look at how we can work as a team online to share and contribute to various documents.

In **Music**, we will be listening to and appraising songs by Abba.

In **PSHE**, we will complete a unit called 'Being Me in My World'. We will discuss how we can become a class 'Team' and how we can be responsible citizens in our school. We will also create our Learning Charter, agreeing as a class our rights, responsibilities, rewards and consequences.