



Whaplode C of E Primary - Year 4 Newsletter

(November 2023/ Autumn 2 - Term 2)

After a busy start to the new school year, I hope that you all managed to enjoy the half term holiday. I am looking forward to what promises to be an exciting second term in the lead up to Christmas and it will be great to meet with you at the upcoming Parents Evenings (7th and 9th November). Don't forget to book your appointment if you haven't already done so. As always, I hope this newsletter answers any questions you have about the new half term, 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 persuasive advert, a sci-fi narrative and a diary recount. Our class reader is 'The Ickabog' by J K Rowling and we will study 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q Rauf 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 area, length and perimeter, as well as multiplication and division. They will also be introduced to strategies to support their understanding and recall of the 9 times table.

PE

We will be taking a break from swimming during the colder winter months, with swimming lessons resuming in the summer. However, the children will continue to have two PE sessions each week – a netball-based lesson with me on a Monday and a hockey-based lesson with our sports coach on a Thursday. On PE days, children must attend in their PE kits. Earrings MUST be removed before school.

French

This term the children will learn the basics of how to talk about their family 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**.

Children should **attend in PE kits** on a **Monday** and **Thursday** with **earrings removed before school**.

Science

This term the children will begin to learn 'Classification of Plants and Animals' studying their varied characteristics and identifying how we can sort them into groups.

RE

This term the children will study Hinduism, deepening their knowledge of Hindu worship and festivals whilst considering how Hindu practices connect with Hindu beliefs.

Foundation Subjects

In **Geography**, the children will develop their understanding of Mediterranean Europe, exploring its location, climate and physical and human features.

In **Art**, the children will be introduced to how artists use three dimensions to create a sense of space in their landscape artwork.

In **History**, we will continue to study Ancient Greece deepening our knowledge about Greek life, Greek achievements, and their influence on the Western World.

In **DT**, we will be designing and making 'Slingshot' cars to race against each other!

In **Computing**, the children will develop their knowledge of coding with a program called 'Scratch'.

In **Music**, we will be refining our skills on a Glockenspiel as we move on to the Stage 2 unit. We will revisit notes 'C', 'D', 'E' and 'F' and learn the new note 'G'.

In **PSHE**, we will complete a unit called 'Celebrating Differences'. The children will discuss accepting people for who they are whilst also considering what influences them to make assumptions based on how people look. We will consider that sometimes bullying is hard to spot and discuss what to do if we think it is going on, but we are not sure.