



# Year 4 Autumn Term 2014 Newsletter



We would like to jointly welcome everyone back to school including any new children who have joined Year 4 this year. We hope that everyone has had a fantastic summer holiday and managed to have a good rest in preparation for a new academic year. We now have two classes in Year 4 (4J) and (4A) helping us to ensure that your child reaches their full potential. The information in this newsletter should help you understand what your child will be learning this term so that you can fully contribute to their development, education and social awareness within our school and wider community. We hope the children have an enjoyable term and we look forward to working with your child(ren).

Mrs Jones and Dr Austin

## Year 4 Curriculum - Autumn Term

**Literacy** - Dictionary work, poetry, recounts, handwriting, spelling and narrative writing

**Numeracy** - Place value: partitioning, comparing, ordering and reading of 3/4/5 digit numbers

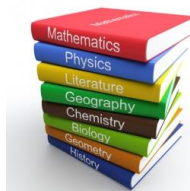
- Identifying the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- On-going work - learning numbers facts (bonds to 10/20/50 & 100), multiplication tables
- Weekly mental mathematics sessions

**Creative Learning Journey (Humanities)** - The Stuarts and The Civil War (Timelines, The Union, King Charles 1 and his execution, Roundheads and Cavaliers.) We are currently researching possible visits and workshops to enhance the topic and will send out further details once booked.

**Science** - Sound- Discovering sound sources, pitch, volume and involving practical investigations in how to alter sound

**Music** - Introduction to pitch, notation and playing the recorder.

**PE** will take place on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**. Please **NB** that kits need to be in school all week. Please make sure that your child has a named kit and that any jewellery is removed on the above days (including any stud earrings).



## Important Term Dates

- 10<sup>th</sup> September - School Photos
- 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Robinwood Residential
- 13<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evening
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Harvest



## Themes for the month

During our school and class assemblies, the staff will be helping to promote the following moral themes:

**September** - Courage    **October** - Commitment  
**November** - Patience    **December** - Forgiveness



**Monday** - Literacy/Topic  
**Tuesday** - Maths  
**Wednesday** - Science  
**Thursday** - Literacy  
**Friday** - Maths

Throughout the week, your child is expected to complete all homework tasks in **pencil** and bring this in **on time**. Failure to do so will mean your child misses their break. Year 4 children are also expected to read for approximately 10 minutes **every** night. The children all have individual HWK diaries and reading records which they need to take home and parents need to sign these on a weekly basis. Daily practise of times tables and spellings is also needed and essential in helping your child make good progress. Further details regarding the types of homework that children receive and which day it needs to be returned by will be given out to parents soon.



**Weds, 1<sup>st</sup> October - Fri, 3<sup>rd</sup> October**  
We are looking forward to accompanying the children to Robinwood at the start of October. This should be a very good opportunity for the children to get to know us, and to develop their own self confidence in a more informal setting. We hope that the weather will be kind to us.



If you have any concerns at all about your child, or you have relevant information which might affect your child's education, please make an appointment at the office to see us. An appointment made straight after school would be better as we are very busy in the mornings preparing lessons. Your support with this is appreciated.