

# Year 4 Autumn 1 Newsletter 2018

Please find below a brief outline of the subjects and topics that we will be covering in this term in school.

## English

We are really going back to basics and really looking at what a sentence is, using capital letters and full stops as non-negotiables. We will then be moving onto writing stories with familiar settings, writing information/fact files about someone or a group from the 1960s. We will also be looking at autumn poems.

## Maths

This half term the children will be learning about place value. As we are following a mastery approach, the children will be encouraged to use concrete apparatus and pictorial representations to support their learning. They will be asked to draw pictures to represent numbers and to use pictures when solving problems.

## Science

Our science topic for this half term is Sound. We will be learning about how sounds are heard, travel and how pitch can be changed.

## History

Our topic this half term is the 1960s. We will be looking at major events that happened during the 60s that have impacted on our lives today. We will be looking at art, fashion and music, particularly The Beatles.

## R.E.

This half term the children will be learning about 'How and why Christians follow Jesus'. The children will be looking at what makes a good leader, what qualities do good leaders have?

## Computing

This half term the children will be learning about e-safety. We will be talking about keeping safe while playing games or using the internet. We will also be using Espresso Coding for the first part of coding in Year 4.

## Art

This half term we will be looking at pop art and the work of Andy Warhol. We will be attempting to recreate a piece of art in the style of Warhol.

## Music

The children will be completing a topic called 'Mamma Mia'. This will involve learning and singing a range of Abba songs. They will have the opportunity to perform in groups and will be encouraged to evaluate their own and other's performances.

## P.E.

The children will be doing PE on a Monday afternoon. These sessions will be led by our sports coaches from Premier Sports. We will be going swimming on Wednesday mornings.

## Values/PSHE

The whole school values will be:

September: Respect

October: TBC

**Homework** - The children have already been sent home with their Autumn 1 homework menu, so hopefully you have seen it already! We would like the children to complete three of these tasks by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. We would also really appreciate you helping your child in these other areas as regularly as you can.

**Reading** - Please listen to your child read as often as you can. Discuss the story, characters and meaning of new words. Try to ask them questions about what they have read to check they understand it. Every time a child read with an adult at home and their reading diary is signed, the children will be awarded a dojo.

**Spellings** - These are given and tested fortnightly. As with reading, little and often is best. The children are being taught new techniques to help them learn their spellings. They will be encouraged to try out these techniques at home.

**Times tables** - By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12. We test them weekly in school and there are a number of ways you can help them learn them - saying them aloud, asking for corresponding division facts and playing a number of games on the internet. Hit the button is an excellent game where you can focus on specific times tables.

**Dojos** - This is an electronic reward system. Instead of being given stickers, the children will be awarded dojo points.

*Thank you for your continued support.  
If you ever have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us.*

**Mr Holmes and Mrs Jones  
The Year 4 Team**

