

# Year 4 Class Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2016

Dear Parents and children in year 4, Welcome back! I hope you've all had a lovely summer holiday.

Just a short letter to inform you of all that's going on in year 4 this term.

We have lots of fun and exciting learning opportunities planned for your children and I'm really looking forward to meeting and getting to know you and the class.

Please don't hesitate to come and introduce yourself! I will be out on the playground most days before and after school.

If you have anything you wish to discuss regarding your child, I will be more than happy to arrange a meeting with you.

Here's to a brilliant year ahead!

Mr J.Sudell

## Homework

Your child will be given one piece of homework and one spelling sheet to complete each week, as well as daily reading.

	Given out	Handed in
Spellings	Monday	Friday
Homework	Monday	Following Monday

Your child will also be given a Learning Log to complete a series of tasks that will link into the topic for each term. Please ensure your child completes this work and hands it in at the end of the half term.

If there are any problems with homework, please speak to me as soon as possible.

## Library

Children will have the opportunity to visit the school library on Wednesdays and choose a book to enjoy at home. Please ensure that they have their library book in school so that they are able to change their books.

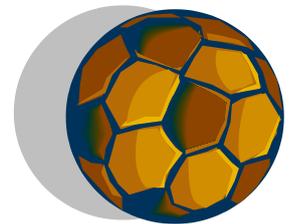


## Reading

Your child will be given a banded reading book suitable for their ability to be changed once a week in school. Please try to read with your child regularly and discuss the pages read. It is more important to read a few pages with discussion and understand what they have read rather than reading the whole book in one night. There will be rewards for children who read their books regularly at home.

## P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.



Please ensure your child has a clearly labelled bag containing a **white top**, **navy shorts** and **pumps**. Please ensure that each item is clearly labelled with your child's name. Outdoor trainers and tracksuit bottoms may be worn for outdoor P.E.

## **This term's topics:** **'Sparks Might Fly' and 'The Great Plague'**

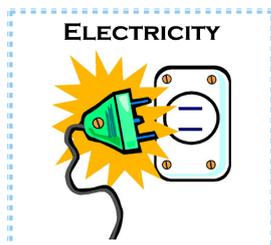
These two topics will direct most of the learning this term. The children are more than welcome to bring in any items/work/pictures/research/artefacts that relate to these topics throughout the term. These will be displayed in class to aid the learning of each topic.

### **Literacy**

This half term in Literacy we will be studying the following text types: Explanation Texts, Fantasy Stories and Film and Playscripts.

### **Science**

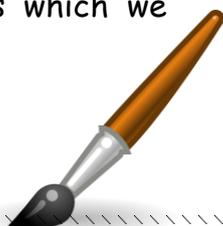
- In Science we are learning about electricity.
- We will be carrying out a number of experiments and tests to understand how electricity works and the dangers of electricity.



### **Art / DT**

In Art, we will learn how to draw from observation using a range of media.

We will be using our topic of electricity to provide inspiration for our learning in art. We will carry out research into famous artists who have used art to produce paintings and sculptures which we will try to re-create.



### **Computing**

In computing, children will use a fantastic interactive website called PurpleMash to carry out their learning.



The children will be performing various tasks and challenges in order to learn about coding and programming.

E-Safety is an important part of our curriculum. Children will learn the importance of e-safety whenever they are engaged in electronic communication. We will establish and reinforce messages about using technology safely and responsibly.

### **P.E**

In P.E, we will be performing gymnastics routines in groups and pairs. We will build upon children's learning from last year.

In games, children will be focusing on invasion games. These lessons will be led by 'Team Theme', who are experts at delivering PE in schools.

## **Dates for the Diary:**

Meet the Teacher:

Parent's Evening: