



TATWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL YEAR 4 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to this new school year and a big welcome to Hawthorn Class. We have all seen and experienced many new routines in place recently, but I would just like say how proud I am of everyone, especially how we have all settled into class and adjusted so quickly.

Please ensure all school uniform, especially jumpers and PE kit, are clearly named. This helps us to return items quickly if they get misplaced. You will need to provide your child with a break time snack, consisting of a fruit / vegetable and/or a sandwich which should be in a named container.

Though I'm sure you are familiar with our learning behaviours they do expand and develop throughout Key Stage 2. Find attached our Year 4 statements. Please take a moment to refresh yourself with them and it would be great if you could spend a moment with your child talking through them, so we are all aware of our shared goals.

English

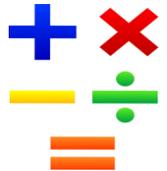


We begin the year with a fiction story 'Lost or Stolen' by Narinder Dhama about a dilemma and our non-fiction unit, 'Gadget Magic' is an information text. Our reading for enjoyment book for this half term is 'Bill's New Frock' by Anne Fine and will follow with the 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl after half term.

Maths

This term, our focus within maths will be:

- *understanding the value of each digit in numbers up to 10,000
- *comparing and ordering numbers
- *rounding and estimating numbers
- *calculating using addition and subtraction
- *learning and using the 6,7,9,11,12 times tables and division facts
- *using the four operations to answer word problems.
- *Convert between different units of measure focusing on length
- *Measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure (including squares) in centimetres and metres
- *Find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares



For further guidance please click the links to access our Calculation Policy (scroll down to view Year 4):

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Science

This half term we are learning about sound and exploring some of its characteristics. Next half term, we will go on to learn about animals and humans, how to classify them and also about food and digestion. Throughout these topics, we will develop our investigation and experimentation skills.

Topic

Our Topic this half term will be The British Coast and Seaside. We will learn about both the physical features and the range of human activity at the seaside.

PE, Sport and Forest School

Your child will continue to have PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays with Mrs Churchill and Mr Bulbeck. PE kits are requested in on a Monday and returned home on a Friday for cleaning. Children will also need shin pads worn with long socks and a gum shield. Thursday afternoons will be sport or forest school, and both will require PE kit. However, as the field becomes muddier, wellies can be brought in for forest school activities.

Homework

Spelling lists will be sent home to practise via the Spelling Frame website on a Wednesday and closely match the spelling rules we are covering in class. Each week will be clearly dated for you to practise, to work towards a spelling test at the end of each half term. Each child will additionally receive a homework book, to keep at home, to practise spellings. Some spelling guides are attached within the book to give you some suggestions on how to practise the spellings.

Children are responsible for bringing in their reading book and record every day. I ask for your support in this as we will read our reading book every day in class too. Children in Year 4 are expected to read at home and have their record **signed at least five times a week**. Reading records will be checked once a week on a Thursday and children will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a book token. Please remember that it is also very important to spend some time talking with your child about their book, asking questions to check that they are following the story, expanding vocabulary and thinking about what is happening. Maths homework will begin in October and more information about this will follow shortly.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the Teams parent information sessions which are being held this Wednesday 23rd September at 4.00pm and 5.30pm.

As always, please send an email or phone the office if you have any questions or issues, and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Berrisford

Year 4 Homework Timetable

Day	Equipment needed	Homework
Monday	Reading book and record PE Kit	
Tuesday	Reading book and record	
Wednesday	Reading book and record	Spelling lists set today on Spelling Frame for completion by the following Tuesday.
Thursday	Reading book and record	5 x signed reading record book due in for checking today.
Friday	Reading book and record PE kit home for cleaning	Maths homework

Year 4 Learning Behaviours

Keeping going	I understand that it is okay to make mistakes.	
Risk taker	I will stay positive when I am faced with a new challenge.	
Respect	I will look after myself and others.	
Motivated and engaged	I will show I am listening by actively taking part in lessons.	
Taking responsibility	I understand that I am responsible for my own learning and behaviour and will complete all homework on time.	
Team Player	I will make sure that everyone has a chance to contribute to a group discussion and come to any decisions together.	
Aiming High	I will come up with my own next steps to improve my work.	