Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 1 2026

Hi, welcome to the first half term of Autumn. I am so excited to be teaching Year 4 and am incredibly proud of how well all the children have settled in. If you have any concerns during the half term, please make a telephone appointment or contact me via ClassDojo. We have already made a great start exploring continuity and change in children's lives in history and have worked hard to produce some wonderful setting descriptions in writing. The children will enjoy learning a range of exciting subjects and topics this term. I am looking forward to teaching them about the digestive system, using Ordnance Survey maps in geography, and reading our class novel, *The Creakers*.

Times Tables Rockstars

In preparation for the Year 4 Multiplication Check, we will be focusing on practising our times tables regularly at school. This will not only help the children feel more confident for the upcoming Multiplication Check later in the year, but it will also help them feel more confident in all areas of the maths curriculum. As part of Year 4's homework, your child should be logging on to Times Tables Rockstars at least three times a week for 5-10 minutes.

Homework and Home Reading

Children need to continue to read at home. This is imperative to help improve their reading stamina and fluency. It should be enjoyable and therefore, if they read books that they have selected independently, or news articles that they have found interesting, then we want to hear about it. We will also continue learning and practising their spellings, which will come home for them to learn each week.

Music lessons

Every Thursday, Mr Higley from Hull Music Service will deliver the children's music lessons when they will be learning how to play the glockenspiel. This will be for the duration of Year 4 and at the end of the year, the children will be invited to participate in a concert showcase to perform the songs they have learned in their music lessons alongside lots of other schools in the city. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity!

PE days

With the weather becoming wetter and colder, please ensure the children have appropriate outdoor PE kit and footwear. This could be joggers and a sweatshirt or hooded top. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Matchett