

Year 4 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to Year 4! The first term is a very busy one. Here are a few dates for your diary:

Friday 16th September-4E's first swimming session

Monday 26th September-4E leave for Robin Hood's Bay

Wednesday 28th September-4E return to School

4H leave for Robin Hood's Bay

Friday 30th September-4H return to school

Tuesday 15th November -Robin Hood's Bay Production-Postcards from the Seaside

Friday 9th December-4E's last swimming session

Wednesday 14th December-KS2 carol concert

There will also be visits to the Sikh Gurdwara and Moortown Baptist Church. We will pass on the dates as soon as we know them.

Spellings and Homework

Spellings will be given out every Thursday and will be tested the following Thursday. We will send the spellings home on a practice sheet for the children to use. It is imperative that your children learn their spellings in order for them to continue to progress and develop in school.

Homework will also be given out on a Thursday. We will expect this to be returned on a Monday morning. The tasks will be varied and will always link to work completed in the classroom.

Rehearsing tables and reading regularly is also part of homework.

Topics

This term we will be learning about:

- Robin Hood's Bay
- Rocks and Soils
- Sketching skills
- Watercolour painting
- Electricity
- French

How can you help at home?

There are many different ways in which you can help your child at home. This term we are placing a big emphasis on improving our handwriting, therefore practising at home will really help them improve. Handwriting is one of the key elements when assessing children's writing. The children will be aiming to receive their 'Pen Licence' which enables them to write in pen in their books. If they achieve this, they are able to bring a fountain pen into school or use a school handwriting pen. Please refer to the letter that was sent home at the start of term about the leading lines style of handwriting to see which letter formation we use in school and how they should join up their letters.

Within maths, a large part of children's understanding comes from knowing their times tables rapidly. By the end of year 4, we expect all children to be able to recall all their times tables up to and including 12X12. We will have weekly times table tests on a Friday. We will inform the children which times table test they will sit the week before so they can practise this specifically for the test. Using games and online resources can really help a child learn their tables.