

3rd November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers of all children in Year 4,

Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn 2nd Half 2023

Thank you for your support throughout your child's first half term in Year 4. Next week there will be parent consultations in the Expressive Arts Hall and we very much look forward to meeting you.

Maths

Please help your child to learn their times tables facts as this will continue to be a major focus for year 4. The children need to know all the times tables and corresponding division facts e.g $5 \times 9 = 45$ so $45 \div 9 = 5$ and $45 \div 5 = 9$. The focus for this half term will be the **9 x table**. In order to support them, children have been re-given their login details to allow access to Times Tables Rockstars at home, using the website <https://ttrockstars.com/>. We expect the children to practise at home for **15 minutes a day**.

Reading

This term our Guided Reading text will be 'Fierce, Fearless and Free' by Lari Don. We will be focusing on developing children's comprehension skills and extending their vocabulary. Your child will continue to bring home a book that they have chosen. Please read with your child at home on a daily basis and record a comment in their reading diaries. Book bags must be brought to school daily please. Children are expected to read at home for **at least 30 minutes a day**. Reading is monitored weekly. Children are able to take Accelerated Reader tests both in class and at home.

Spellings

Over this half term we will continue to learn words from the statutory spelling list. We will also be investigating prefixes 'in-', 'il-', 'im-', and 'ir-' and suffixes '-ing', '-er', '-en', '-ed'. In addition, we will also look at words spelt 'ei', 'eigh' or 'ey' and 'ch' and 'ou'.

Home Learning

Please have a look at our starter ideas for projects on 'Animals, including humans' that you could complete at home with your child. Do bring in any completed projects to share with the class.

PE

Please send children into school in clothes that they can exercise in without the need to change for PE. On Tuesday's this half term children will be doing dance so will need to be suitably dressed as they will need to do this in bare feet. This term we will be continuing our swimming lessons at Kings Hedges Learner Pool. Children will need to have their **swimming kit in school on Thursdays**. As the weather becomes colder and more changeable, please make sure your child wears a waterproof coat and has a pair of wellies at school to change into. Children will need to remove earrings and watches for PE and long hair must be tied back.

We believe that children can nearly always take part in a PE lesson in some capacity if they are able to attend school. Our policy is that children will take part in PE lessons unless a doctor's note advises in writing against it.

General reminders:

- Bring in clear plastic water bottle daily
- We have been advised to keep good levels of ventilation in school, so layers of clothing will be useful as the weather becomes cooler

Yours sincerely,
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Year 4 teachers



Equalities

