

8th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers of all children in Year 4,

Year 3 Letter to Parents and Carers – Autumn 2024 2nd Half Term

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 access to Times Tables Rockstars at home, using the website <https://trockstars.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'.

PE

Please send children into school in clothes that they can exercise in without the need to change for PE. On Tuesdays 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 Thursday's**. As the weather becomes colder and more changeable, please make sure your child wears a waterproof coat. 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

Please bring in a named see-through plastic water bottle daily (not metal).

In addition, please bring in a pair of named wellies which can be left in school, as this means we can make full use of our school field, even when the weather is a bit wet.

Please do remember that we are available briefly at the end of the day should you need to speak to us.

Yours sincerely,
Rebecca Merriman and Helen Harwood
Year 4 teachers