



Thursday 6th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. I hope that the children are ready for another half term of learning and growth! We have lots planned over the next few weeks – details of which can be found on the Learning Jigsaw.

Reading Books and Online Reading Journals



I am thrilled with the engagement of Year 4 with BoomReader. The majority of the class are recording more reads than they were at this time last year – well done and keep it up! Remember that the children can log their own reads if needed and this is a way for them to start taking ownership of their reading, as they are getting older and increasingly independent. At a minimum, we ask that children record four reads each week. Once a book has been completed, the children complete an online quiz. Children who read less regularly struggle to score well in these quizzes as they have difficulty in recalling what has happened in the story.

Times Table Rockstars and Numbots

As you may be aware, in June, all Year 4 pupils take a times table check and we would like all our children to be as successful as possible. To help develop the skills needed we use Times Table Rockstars (TTR) as a tool to build up your child's recall and speed of all tables to 12x12. TTR works on a little but often approach to gradually build up children's confidence. We recommend that children have a minimum of 4 x 5 minute sessions on TTR each week to support them in retaining knowledge and build speed. The children earn a different 'rock status' each time they improve their speed by one second, aiming for the status of 'Rock Hero' if they can answer each question in less than 1 second!

Spellings

In Year 4, children have a list of words that they are expected to spell by the end of the Summer Term. The spellings are stuck inside their graffiti spelling books. The children are expected to choose 4 or 5 words to practice each week and will be tested informally and on a 1:1 basis during the week. Once correctly spelt, words will be highlighted in pink by a member of staff.

Labels



We do our very best to reunite children with any lost belongings, but there are a number of children with no names in their coats and jumpers. Please help us by making sure that you label all items of clothing that may be removed during the school day. Should you realise that any belonging is missing, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can locate and return it to you.

PE

Friday is our PE day and children should come to school in their PE kit on this day. The school PE kit is:



- Plain navy hoodie or school branded hoodie
- Plain navy or white t-shirt
- Plain navy or black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/skorts
- White, black or navy socks
- Suitable footwear

Please see our Learning Jigsaw to find out about the topics we will be studying this half term. Feel free to post on Seesaw pictures of activities or writing that your child completes at home; we always love to see the things the children make at home.

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Mrs Gemmell and The Year 4 Team