



"Inspiring minds to ignite lifelong learning"

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Year 4 Autumn Newsletter

September 2023

Dates for your Diary

6th September – Autumn Term Begins
22nd September – Swimming Begins for Year 4/5/6
9th October – Meet the Teacher Evening
16th – 20th October – Book Fair Week
23rd–27th October – Half Term

Welcome Back to Year 4

We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to a new school year.

It's Learning – We will be using It's Learning much more this year to share resources with the children, for use both in the classroom and at home to consolidate learning. All the children will be familiar with their class pages and how to access them using their log in details.

Reading – within class the children will be taking part in a Whole Class Reading approach. We will explore extracts from a range of texts, which will aim to aid a richer discussion and a more detailed written response from the children within lessons. The children will still bring home a reading book to continue practicing their reading and comprehension skills at home.

Spellings/Times Tables – weekly spellings and times tables practice will take place within class. However, it is essential that the children continue to consolidate these at home. As teachers we will be monitoring their achievements on Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars.

IOM and The Ayres

For our first learning focus this year we will be exploring the 'IOM and The Ayres'. Through our topic, science and outdoor learning we will be studying the landscape, habitats and wildlife. Beth from the Manx Wildlife Trust is also going to meet us at The Ayres for our first trip of the year! In Art we will be looking a perspective drawing and mixed media pieces of artwork also linked to our learning focus.

Year 4 Team

Mrs C Callister – LKS2 Phase Leader/Alpaca's Class Teacher

Mrs R Crellin/Miss C Beattie – Tiger's Class Teacher

Mrs G Manley – Educational Support



Class Dojo

Thank you to all those who are signed up to receive updates on class dojo. We will use the stories section to keep you up-to-date with any notices. If needed you can get in touch through the school office OnchanEnquiries@sch.im or on the playground after school.

Healthy Snack and Water

Please remember that your child's snack must be of a healthy nature (eg: piece of fruit or a cereal bar). They should also have a re-useable, named water bottle in school every day. No juice please!

Outdoor Learning

Our outdoor learning sessions will take place on a Tuesday, so children can come into school wearing their 'muddy clothes' on this day each week. Old shoes/wellies would be beneficial and a warm coat.

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate, named PE kit in school every day. This should include both an indoor and outdoor kit, with appropriate footwear.

Swimming

Swimming will begin on **Friday 22nd September** for Year 4. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit every week (swimming hats for long hair, earring bands if earrings cannot be removed, one piece costume for girls and no baggy shorts). If for any reason your child is unable to swim on any particular week, please provide a signed note indicating the reason why. Children who are not swimming will remain at school.

Medication/Health Care Plans

Please can you ensure that you have updated your child's medication and health care plan for this school year, if you have not already done so.

Outdoor Resources

Year 4 are hoping to create a Bug Hotel in our outdoor area this term. If you have any palettes, bricks with holes in, pipes/tubes etc. that would be suitable please bring them into school over the next few weeks.