



"Inspiring minds to ignite lifelong learning"



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Welcome Back to Year 4

We hope you have all had a Christmas holiday and are looking forward to a new term.

Teams- We will still be using Teams 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 have a reading journal to continue practicing their reading and comprehension skills at home. We would like the children to complete at least one task weekly and they will be given a raffle ticket per entry completed, for a prize draw every half term.

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, TT Rockstars and Mathletics.

The Stone Age

Our topic for this half term will be focused on the Stone Age. We will be exploring artefacts, civilization, how life changed during the Stone Age, survival, Stone Henge.

Year 4 Team

Mrs C Callister – Senior Manager/ Fennec Foxes' Class Teacher

Miss Carter – Llama's Class Teacher

Mrs Walker – Educational Support

Miss Hands – Educational Support

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 continue on **Friday 10th January** 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.

Young Engineers

During Spring 1, Year 4 will have 6 Young Engineer sessions with Adrian, starting from 7th January.

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Dates for your Diary

6th January – Spring Term Begins

7th January – Young Engineers Begins

10th January – Swimming Resumes for Year 4/5/6

11th February – Face to Face Parents Evening

13th February – TEAMS Parents Evening

17th February – Half Term



Getting in Contact

If you need to get in touch with us, you can do so through the school office either by phone or OnchanEnquiries@sch.im. We will also be around at the end of the school day.

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 continue to take place on a Monday, 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.