



*"Learning is a journey, to be taken together, one step at a time"*



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## Autumn Two Newsletter – Year 4

### Key Dates for your Diary

**31st October** – Autumn two begins

**31st October** – Extra-curricular clubs begin

**3rd November** – Hop Tu Naa Disco (pm)

**9th December** – Christmas Jumper Day

**14th December** – LKS2 Christmas Performance (pm)

**15th December** – LKS2 Christmas Performance (am)

**22nd December** – Last Day of Autumn Term and Dress Down

We have had a fantastic first half term in year 4! Just a few notices and reminders for the next half term:

**Its Learning** – Thank you to everyone who has been helping and encouraging the children to use Its Learning at home, as this allows the children to consolidate the learning we have been doing in class.

**Reading** – Please continue to read at home with your child as this allows them to develop their reading and comprehension skills. In school we continue to work on their written responses to questions, so exploring the text often with your child and asking them to find evidence to support their ideas is an important skill to practice. Of course, they should have their reading buddy to help them!

**Spellings/Times Tables** – We have been practicing different spellings and times tables on a weekly basis. Again, it really helps the children to practice these at home also. This can be done on TT Rock Stars and Spelling Shed, as well as any other creative ways you can think of. Thank you all of you who have encouraged this at home, it is noticed in the classroom.

**Outdoor Learning** – Our next learning focus will be based on outdoor learning and venturing out into the Forest School area. This will be on Wednesday afternoons, so on these days the children are able to come into school in their own clothes (that they don't mind getting dirty). These sessions will be weather dependent, but we will attempt to get out most weeks, so a change of footwear and warm clothes are recommended.

**Swimming and PE** – Swimming and PE dates will not be changing so please ensure that the children have the correct kit for these. They should have their PE kit in school every day and swimming kits in on a Friday. Please also make sure that all earrings are removed. If they cannot be removed then they will need an earring band for swimming or to be taped up for PE. If you are able to do this before school, it really helps us out! All long hair needs to be tied up and for swimming a hat must be worn. Again, if for any reason your child is unable to swim, please provide a signed note indicating why, and those children will remain at school.

**Both Mrs Callister and Miss Harrison are available to contact via Class Dojo if you have any queries or concerns and we will keep Dojo up to date with any notices. You can also catch us in the playground after school or contact us through the school office, [OnchanEnquiries@sch.im](mailto:OnchanEnquiries@sch.im).**