



Dear Parents/Carers,


Happy new year to you all! After all the fun of Christmas, we are all eager to see everyone again and continue to work hard. This letter will tell you the information that your child will be learning about in class. Further information about their learning can be found on our school website.

Getting Ready to Come to School

Children will need to come to school every day:

- Wearing their school uniform
- With their bookbag and water bottle
- Ready to learn!

Our Learning:

English 	We will be writing traditional tale narratives, using the text 'Usborne 1001 Arabian Nights'. We will then be writing our own dual purpose wildlife adventures using the text 'Atlas of Animal adventures'.
Reading 	In Reading this term, we will be focusing on all the reading skills, looking in detail at the vocabulary that has been used in a text and why certain vocabulary was chosen.
Maths 	In maths, we will be focusing on measurement, length, perimeter and fractions.
Science 	In Chemistry, we will be learning about particle models. We will be investigating the effect of temperature on the rate of evaporation. We will also be locating solids, liquids and gases in our school environment.
History 	In History, our topic is Early Islamic Civilisation. We will be learning about how knowledge was developed and shared across different civilisations.
Art	In Art, our topic is the tropical rainforest. Our focus artists are Abel Rodriguez and Henri Rousseau. We will be using water colours, oil pastels and wax resist to create a collage of leaves.
Religion and Worldviews 	In RE we will be learning Christianity, Islam and Humanism. Our focus will be How do people think about poverty, justice & self-sacrifice? The meaning of poverty & relative poverty and the meaning of justice and everyday self-sacrifice.
PE 	In PE this half term, pupils will be developing their gymnastics skills. Pupils will develop balancing, rolling, jumping and inverted movements and use these skills to create more complex sequences.
Music 	In music, we will be continuing to learn to play the trumpet.
Computing 	We will be learning about data and information.
PSHE 	We will be learning how to keep ourselves safe. Questioning, how do I manage risks in my life? What is self-control? What is the difference between legal and illegal drugs? Are all drugs harmful?



Below is the day your child will take part in PE.

On this day your child must wear their PE kits to school.

Falcon Class - Thursday

Owl Class - Thursday

Kestrel Class - Thursday

Homework

Each week your child will be expected to complete a range of different homework tasks to help support their learning in school. All homework will be found on our school website under the Year 4 page.

Reading	Please support your child at home in ensuring that they are reading each day independently and to you. They must also have opportunities to listen to an adult read to them.
Learning with Parents	This is a platform we use to record reading at home and in school. Please log all reading done at home on this website.
myON	Each week children are encouraged to log on to myON and read at home. The child who completes the most amount of reading each week will be awarded with a certificate.
Times Table Rockstars	Children are encouraged to practise their times tables weekly on Times Table Rockstars. We have weekly battles between each Year 3 class, can you help your class win?

In class we would love to celebrate the amazing homework children do at home. This means that any time your child completes a piece of homework, send a photo to your class teacher on Class Dojo so it can be celebrated and rewarded. Children will receive Class Dojo points for completing their homework.

Attached to this letter you will find your child's Knowledge Organisers. You can use the information on their Knowledge Organisers to test your child's recall of facts and their understanding of the new vocabulary listed.

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo, who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 team