



**Cowell Class:
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Year 4 Newsletter - Term 2

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Welcome to Term 2. We hope you have had a restful break! Please find below some information that we hope you will find useful for this term. Come and talk to us on the door if you have any further questions. We understand that your child will learn much better if they feel happy, liked, respected and safe...and we'll certainly be doing our best to make sure the children feel valued. If there are any issues, please e-mail us and we will get back to you. Below you will find some of the important features of what we will be covering in Year 4 this term. We expect the weather to become much colder and wetter over this term. Please can you ensure your child brings in a waterproof coat with a hood every day and wellies.

Please remember to pack your child a healthy snack for breaktime.

Maths

This term, children will build confidence with 4-digit numbers by deepening their understanding of place value, number composition, and efficient addition and subtraction strategies. They will revisit and refine their use of column methods, apply known number facts, and explore numbers to 2,000 in practical contexts such as measures and statistics. Pupils will compare, order, and round 4-digit numbers, and choose the most effective strategies for solving problems. This unit lays strong foundations for future work involving calculation and problem-solving with larger numbers.

Music

This term in Music we will be continuing to learn the ukulele. The children will become more confident throughout this term as they learn new cords, rhythms and songs.

PSHE

We are this term focussing on Celebrating Differences; the children talk about judging people by their appearance, first impressions and what influences their thinking on what is normal. They talk about bullying, including online bullying and what to do if they suspect or know that it is taking place as well as the pressures of being a witness. The children talk about their own uniqueness and what is special about themselves. As a class, we talk about first impressions and when our own first impressions of someone have changed.

Religious Education

In RE this term we will be looking at 'Christianity' and the unit of 'Incarnation'. Our key question is: What is the Trinity? Here the children will learn about the belief of the Holy Trinity – God as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will explore the concept of Christmas more deeply within this festive term.

Dates for your diary

- 1st November - PFA Fireworks
- 14th November – Children in Need
- 28th November – PFA NSU day
- 5th November – PFA NSU day
- 6th December – Christmas Fayre
- 11th December – Panto to the school
- 12th December – School Disco
- 17th December - Xmas Jumper Day, School Xmas dinner
- 19th December – 1.30pm Finish

If you need to talk to us at any time, please catch us on the door in the morning or afternoon, or make an appointment at the office.

Alternatively email us:
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English

In Reading lessons this term we will be reading a book called 'The Day I Fell into a Fairytale'. We will compare this novel to 'Varjak Paw' from last term, looking at how authors structure different genres of text and examining how characters develop.

In Writing, we will be looking at character-driven short stories. The children will use their knowledge and understanding of this genre to create their own.

Design and Technology

Just before Christmas, we will be following a brief to create a Christmas stocking. We will look closely at the products that already exist and learn some sewing skills to help us create new stockings for a particular client.

Physical Education

This term, our PE learning is gymnastics and our block week will focus on Hockey. They will need **shin pads and mouthguards** for hockey. Please ensure your child wears their P.E. kit on their class P.E. days and that jewellery is removed.

Year 4 PE days are Wednesday and Friday.

Geography

This term we are studying the physical features of Africa. We will be looking at how the continent's position on the globe affects its landscapes and looking in detail at particular countries. We will explore the incredible diversity of Africa and then work in groups to do a locational study of specific areas.

Science

We will be completing our previous work around conservation and habitats this term, as well as consolidating our understanding of ecosystems and classification keys.