

Winkleigh Primary School

Year 4 – Autumn Term Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for the Autumn term! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and have managed to make the most of the time away from school.

It was lovely to spend our transition day together at the end of last term, Mrs Elworthy and I are very much looking forward to welcoming you back to meet the new expectations and routines in Year 4.

Our start of the day routine will be very much the same as last year. The school gates open for all children at 8:45 and will close at 8:55. The children will come in through the gate and line up on the playground to be collected and taken inside to begin their day. With all children (not on the bus) leaving from the school gate at 3:30pm.

This term our PE lessons will be taught by myself on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon. On these days, please can children be sent into school wearing their full PE kit. Please where possible ensure a PE kit consists of a navy blue or plain black hoodie/sweatshirt, plain navy or black shorts/joggers, a plain white t-shirt and black trainers. PE hoodies are only to be worn on these PE days as not as part of our full school uniform. Additionally, a coat and suitable footwear should be brought in daily for breaktimes and opportunities for us to use the track on our daily mile.

In English this year, we will begin our learning with a sequence about inspirational people. We will be using the book 'Fantastically Great Women who Changed the World' by Kate Pankhurst to learn about inspiring individuals before writing a biography. We will then move on to two other sequences based on the books 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry and 'Poetry Pie' by Roger McGough.

In Maths we will begin by looking at place value where we will explore different methods of representing numbers. The children will use physical resources to represent, compare and calculate with 3-digit numbers before moving to pictorial and then abstract representations. The children will continue to take part in the Around the World Challenge each week on Friday. We aim to keep the pressure around this low however any extra times tables practice at home would be fantastic.

Our other weekly quiz will be spellings on a Wednesday. Spelling lists will be sent home weekly and will contain a mixture of the statutory spellings and words that contain the spelling rules the children will learn throughout the year. Again, any support from home to help the children practice and learn these spellings will be appreciated. Finally, I would like to emphasise the importance of reading with your children at home. It really does make a huge impact on their learning when they are regularly spending time reading in school and at home.

It has come to our attention that more and more children have access to the internet independently at home. There has been a particular increase in children watching YouTube & using social media sites. Without supervision, it is possible to view very inappropriate content on these sites. Please refer to the e-safety pages on our website should you require support or guidance with this matter. There is a copy of our safe usage policy as well as a sheet for parents with lots of useful information on it.

As the children progress through Key Stage 2, message books will be phased out. However, if you have any questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk We will try to get a reply within 48 hours.

Kind Regards,

Mr Walter