

Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents,

A big welcome back to Maple and I warmly welcome your child into Year 4, for what will be an exciting Autumn term!

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer and a welcome

rest over the holidays. I am really looking forward to teaching your child this year!



I will be teaching Year 4 as their full-time teacher. Your child will also have support from our wonderful teaching assistants: Mrs Woolley, who will be working with our class on Monday, Mrs Mann who will be supporting the class on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and we will also be welcoming a new teaching assistant, Mr Lawrence, on Fridays.

In English this term, Year 4 will be covering Roman myths, Poetry and Non-Fiction Report writing. Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) and comprehension will be taught separately, and as part of our Guided Reading activities, to improve the children's skills in these areas.

Guided Reading sessions will start next Friday where they will be given their assigned book. It is your child's responsibility to bring their guided reading book to school with them every Friday as it will be used within group work. Please help them with this until it becomes routine. Your child will also need to bring in their guided reading diary every Friday, so that I can check they are regularly reading at home. They will also record their guided reading homework in the reading record. Please initial next to your child's reading record to confirm that they have read the chapter or chapters. The initial replaces the need for you to write a comment in your child's reading diary. The children will also have time in the library every Friday, so it would be hugely appreciated if you could keep an eye on books being brought home and make sure they are returned to school in good condition. As always, reading should be encouraged at home.

In Maths this term, we will be focusing on place value of numbers beyond 1000, securing mental fluency and formal written methods in addition and subtraction, revising and rehearsing times tables facts, and problem solving. Year 4 will also be looking at multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers. In class, we will regularly practise times tables and we will have a regular times tables test. By the end of Year 4, children are required to know all their tables up to 12x12, so practice at home will really reinforce what they are doing in class.

On Friday, homework will be set on Google classroom. This will include a segment from their guided reading book, weekly spellings and Maths or English homework which will alternate weekly. Homework must be completed and handed in by the following Wednesday. A physical set of spellings will be sent home each Tuesday for a test the following Tuesday.

Any children who do not hand their homework in on time will need to complete it in school during a break or lunch time. If your child is unable to complete the homework for a reason beyond their control, please let me know before the due date via email.

Here are a few notes about other areas of the curriculum for this term:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Science	The Digestive System
Computing	Coding
History	The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain
Geography	Hertfordshire
Art	Jewellery Designs
Design and Technology (DT)	Levers and Linkages
Music	Mamma Mia, by ABBA and Glockenspiel (From: Charanga Scheme of Work)
French	Je me présente (Presenting Myself), En Famille (The Family)
Physical Education (PE)	Netball, Hockey, Tag-rugby and Dance
Religious Education (RE)	Christianity, Hinduism and Sikhism (covered over the 3 terms)
Physical, Social and Health Education (PSHE)	Weekly session to discuss PSHE issues and hear feedback from Eco and School Council

P.E will be on a Monday afternoon and a Wednesday morning. Please make sure that your child comes to school wearing their school uniform as they will change into their P.E kit on the days when they have P.E. Please do ensure they have suitable layers and footwear, particularly over the coming winter months.

As always, please get in touch with me to discuss any important issues, concerns or general comments about your child that I may need to know about to ensure their happiness and wellbeing. If you wish to speak me, please do not hesitate to get in touch by ringing the school office or sending an email to admin@maple.herts.sch.uk.

If you have any queries or questions, again, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your time in reading this newsletter. I hope it helps keep you informed with everything that I have planned this term. I thank you in advance for your support in your child's learning.

Best wishes,

Miss Nelson and The Year 4 Team