

10th January 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a restful break. The children have certainly come back to school with a growth mindset and ready to learn. The Year 4 team would like to thank you for all the thoughtful cards and gifts we received at the end of term too.

We would like to welcome Mrs Americo to the Year 4 team! She is familiar with the children in year 4 and will mostly be working in Seals class.

Both classes will still have outdoor PE on Wednesdays and indoor PE on Fridays. The children should always have their PE kit in school, and we ask that hair is tied back. If your child has earrings, then should be removed in order to participate safely in the lesson. We have noticed that some children do not have the appropriate PE considering how cold it is outside. Please can you ensure that your child has a pair of warm trousers/joggers as we are noticing some children are complaining about feeling cold when doing outdoor PE.

Please encourage your child to do lots of reading at home (independently and with you) and practise their times tables. The children will be bringing their choice book from the library home with them to share with you and before the Christmas break, we sent out the Collins E-Book logins so that children can access books at home which are appropriate to their reading level.

Key Dates for this half term:

- Thursday 16th January - Year 4 Bikeability
- Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th January - Year 4 Sharing Assembly
- Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February - Open Classroom

In **Maths** next week, we will be focussing on the 7 times table, looking at factor pairs and then multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100.

In **English** next week, we will be continuing our poetry unit looking at some more animal poems from the book, 'Tiger, Tiger Burning Bright'. We will be refining our understanding of kenning poems, metaphors and then begin to plan our own animal poem.

We have forest school on the following dates this half term: 15th January and 12th February.

Thank you for ensuring your child comes to school in appropriate clothing and has a separate pair of shoes (or wellies). The children are not allowed to wear their PE shoes or school shoes when going to the Forest.

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