



Autumn 2022 Newsletter

Crimson and Scarlet Classes

Welcome to Year 4

We are very much enjoying being back in school and all of the children have settled in very well. We are all excited about the year ahead and look forward to all of the learning that will take place. We will endeavour to make all of the learning as fun and engaging as possible.

Curriculum

Maths

This term in maths, the children will be working on and developing their knowledge of number and place value. They are already working on numbers above a thousand and showing great enthusiasm for the subject. They will also be developing their skills around the four mathematical operations. We will be looking at estimating and rounding and really improving times table knowledge, as all children need to know all tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of the academic year.

English

The children have started our unit on Traditional Tale writing. They will be working on imitating the story, The Papaya that Spoke, before moving onto innovating the text with their own ideas.

We will then be looking at sentence types, tools for descriptive writing, like similes, developing sentence structure, spelling, punctuation and the use of descriptive devices, before using our learning to create our own Acrostic and Kenning poems.

Science

Our science unit this term is 'States of Matter'. We have started the unit and the children are very keen to find out more. They were excited to write in their books all the things they want to learn about. They now know there are three states of matter and will go on to classify objects as either a solid, liquid or gas. We will then move on to changing states and investigate melting, freezing, evaporation and condensation.

Humanities (History & Geography)

To begin the year, we will be investigating the Romans and how they impacted life in Britain. First, we will look at how life was lived before the invasions and how The Celts lived in settlements. We will be looking at the invasions and the revolt led by Boudicca. We will be building a timeline in the classroom and look at other events happening around the world at specific times. We will also incorporate Black History into our units.

Music, PE & French

Music: Year 4 will be learning to play some musical instruments. Scarlet Class will be learning the violin and Crimson will be split between the trombone and the trumpet. It is amazing how quickly they learn to play notes. They will play a variety of songs together as a class.

PE: Tag Rugby - Understand rules and key skills in rugby - Develop evasive movement (agility) - Develop ball-handling skills - use skills in small games.

Dodgeball - Understand rules and tactics - Develop throwing, catching and dodging skills.

Football - Develop tactical awareness, teamwork and leadership skills. Develop ball control, dribbling, passing and shooting skills, learn to attack and defend as a team.

Indoor Athletics/Cross-country - Develop pacing tactics. Developing running, jumping and throwing techniques. Set personal bests and learn to measure throws & jumps in m/cm.

French: The children will be extending ways of presenting themselves, including family vocabulary and revising numbers and dates. Sound/spelling links will also be made through having fun with phonics.

Religious Education

Our first big question this year is, 'What does it mean to be a Hindu?' We will be investigating aspects of the religion like where Hindu's worship and what saucha and ahimsa mean. We will be looking at Hindu practises and family life.

In the second half term, we will be looking at what is meant by 'Peace at Christmas'. The children will be discussing what 'peace' means to them. We will then move on to outer and inner peace and use art as a medium to express what it means to them.

Homework

Most of our homework will be uploaded to J2 Launch, however, it is important to us that all children have equal learning opportunities, so we are aware that some children will need work printed and sent home in their books. Homework will be uploaded or given out every Friday. Please ensure your child completes the tasks set and returns their work by the following Wednesday. The work set each week is to scaffold their learning in class that week and will enhance their learning.

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls etc.
- Scarlet will have violin lessons on a Tuesday and Crimson, trumpet or clarinet on a Wednesday. Please remind your children to bring their instrument in on the specified day.
- The children will be doing **PE** on **Wednesday** afternoons. Children come to school in uniform and bring their correct PE kit with them.
- Please ensure that your child reads every day and do listen to them and ask them about **what** they have read. The most important thing is that this is an enjoyable and valuable experience which will further support your child to develop a love of reading and will naturally feed into their writing.
- We would like to remind parents that the only jewellery allowed at school are small stud earrings. Nail polish is not allowed.
- Children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat during morning playtime and a bottle of water.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#)

Key dates

Please look out for the main newsletters as well as emails/text messages from the admin team.

- Monday 19th September: Queen Elizabeth II's funeral – school closed as a mark of respect
- Friday 23rd September: Jeans for Genes Day - please wear an item of denim with your uniform and bring £1 to help fund research into genetic disorders
- Wednesday 19th October: Harvest Festival Assembly
- Monday 24th to Friday 28th October: half term – school closed
- Monday 31st October: INSET day – school closed to children
- Tuesday 1st November: children return to school as usual

*You can find the above dates and more on our calendar [here](#)

If there is anything that you would like to talk to us about, please do contact the school and we can phone you or make an appointment - we really value close communication with you. We are looking forward to working closely with you all and we are very happy to help.

Miss Gordon and Miss Toms

Year 4 Team