



Year 4 Summer Term Newsletter 2023

Crimson and Scarlet Classes

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to Year 4, we hope you have had a restful Easter and look forward to ending our year in a buoyant and positive fashion. In advance, we thank you all for your continued support and endeavour to maintain positive relationships with our Year 4 family.

Curriculum

Maths

This term, our focus will be on the consolidation of the key skills required for the children to move into Year 5 confidently. We will be completing our unit on fractions, before moving onto decimals and their relationship with fractions. After this, we will be learning about measure through money and time. This will also give the opportunity to apply previous skills learnt to real life problems. Properties of shape will be investigated after half term and again this will provide the children to use previous skills learnt throughout the year. Throughout our maths units, all children will be given daily opportunities to apply their concepts to real life situations with a focus on using mathematical language to justify their approach and answers.

Every Friday morning, children will be taught explicit times table lessons where we will discuss patterns of numbers and how they can be used to deepen their knowledge of multiplication.

English

At the start of the summer term, the children will be focusing on newspaper report writing. They will explore an immersive, makeshift, site and conduct eyewitness interviews for inspiration. We will continue to focus on spelling conventions, the use of prefixes and suffixes, and the use of common homophones. We will then focus on Alan Peat sentences through grammar-focused lessons throughout the week.

We will also be focusing on script writing, inspired by the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will be looking at the features and word devices used to produce a script. We will end the unit by performing our creations.

Science

For the first half term, we will be exploring 'Living things and their habitats'. In this unit, the children will investigate food chains and use branching diagrams for some classification work. We will then move on to electricity, learning about simple, series and parallel circuits. In their classes, they will have the opportunity to make hypothesis about complete and incomplete circuits and then carry out tests to establish if their predictions were correct.

Next, we will be learning all about electricity and the components that make up simple circuits.

Humanities (History & Geography)

This half term, we will be learning about Arabia and early Islam, exploring the story of the Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) and the making of Mecca.

We will also be exploring field work and mapping skills. This will include exploring the local area and developing our ability to use traditional and digital maps.

Enrichment (Music, PE & French)

Music: Year 4 will continue to learn their respective instruments. Scarlet are continuing with violin on a Tuesday morning and Crimson are also carrying on with trumpets and trombones. It is amazing to see how far the children have come in such a short time and we are all looking forward to some Summer concerts.

PE: This term, we will be starting with Basketball as children develop control of the ball and the ability to pass, dribble and shoot. Moving onto Cricket the focus will be the 3 main areas of fielding, batting and bowling. In summer 2, we will have three taster lessons where the children get to practice Rounders, Golf, Volleyball and Table tennis. The final three lessons of the year will be short Tennis with co-ordination and footwork being developed as we work towards sustained rallies.

French: The children will learn how to describe someone and also how to express how they are feeling. Later on, they will learn how to order food in a cafe. This will be handy when we have our French Cafe at Rectory Gardens! They will get a second opportunity to do the Language Magician online assessment game.

Religious Education

Our first big question this term is; How did the first five Gurus shape Sikhism? We will be looking at what it means to belong to a community and the key teachings of Sikhism. We will look to compare Sikh Values to our own Christian Values and discuss and reflect on the similarities and differences. We will end the term exploring the miracles of Jesus. Our Big Question will be, 'What do the miracles tell us about Jesus?' This will see us looking at the Parables.

Homework

Children will be given a printed copy of homework that will be sent home in their books 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 and consolidate their learning in class that week and will help to enhance their learning. It also provides you with an insight to what they have been learning about and then further develop their understanding.

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, summer hats, plimsolls etc. We regularly end up with bundles of unnamed uniform or sports clothes, which are piling up in the lost property container.
- **PE:**
 - **Wednesdays** PE with Mr Oakley - children to wear their correct PE kit to school - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers
 - **Thursdays** class PE - children to wear school uniform with trainers
- Scarlet Class will have violin lessons on a Tuesday, and Crimson Class will have trumpet or trombones on a Wednesday. Please remind your children to bring their instrument in on the specified day.
- Please ensure that your child reads every day and do 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.
- We would like to remind parents that the school has a no jewellery policy, and earrings should be studs only, please. Nail polish is not allowed.
- If your child has long hair, please make sure it is tied back.
- Please also ensure that your child wears **black shoes** to school. If trainers, these must be completely black with no bright logos, flashing details or coloured laces/soles.
- Children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat during morning playtime.
- Please send a named water bottle into school daily.
- 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 1st May: Bank Holiday - school closed
- Friday 5th May: King's Coronation Tea Party
- Monday 8th May: King's Coronation - Bank Holiday - school closed
- Tuesday 9th May: Crimson Class Assembly
- Tuesday 16th May: Scarlet Class Assembly
- 15th-19th May: Walk to School Week
- Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June: half term – school closed
- Monday 5th June: 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 not hesitate to 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