



MELLING PRIMARY SCHOOL



Year 4 Parents Information – Autumn 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! From the whole of the Year 4 team we hope you have all had a lovely summer. The children have settled in really well and seem calm and happy in their new classroom. The following information will tell you all about a busy term ahead!

Topic Theme - 'Different ways of life'

English: The Loch Ness Monster, The Great Kapok Tree

Maths: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division and Area

Science: Animals including Humans, Living Things and Their Habitats

History: How have children's lives improved?

Geography: Rainforests – 'Where are the world's rainforests and why are they being cut down?'

Art: Drawing and Colour Mixing

R.E: What kind of world did Jesus want? For Christians, when Jesus left; what was the impact of the Pentecost?

P.H.S.E Keeping/ Staying safe, Growing and changing.

Staffing

Within Year Four, Mrs Toborne will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; Miss Wood will act as class teacher on Thursday and Friday until the October half-term when she will start her leave for maternity. Mr Jambors will take over as class teacher from then. Additionally, Year Four are very fortunate to have Miss Riley as our classroom support.

Website

Please see the Y4 class page in the Children section on our website for all updates and what the children will be getting up to in school over the Autumn term. Any information we need to inform you about we will update the page on a regular basis. As well as any letter we send home, we will add on there too. There are also some fabulous educational games and links to websites that your child can access to support their learning.

Reading

Reading regularly is vital to a child's development. Daily practice is the key in developing fluency, understanding, vocabulary and comprehension skills. The minimum expected home reads is three times per week but please try to hear your child read on a daily basis. We are encouraging your child to share their reading with you and they may even ask you a few questions too! Please fill in the reading record as these help us to keep a record of their progress and any difficulties they may have. A signature is required for them to gain a point for the reading award system. Comprehension as well as reading accuracy is of vital importance. All children will have the opportunity to read a variety of texts during shared reading in English lessons. These guided reading sessions will take place 4 times each week. Children who are finding comprehension difficult may be asked to read comprehension texts at home. These will be repeated in school the next day.

Spellings

A new spelling sheet will be given out on a Monday and children will need to learn two spellings every night. These spellings will be repeated in class. This is proven to be a much more effective way of keeping spellings in their long-term memory. They will be tested on the following Monday and the result will be put on the sheet.

Homework

Children are expected to regularly practise times table targets ideally on a daily basis to fully embed learning. Every child will be taking the times table check which is a government requirement. This will take place around the end of the Spring term and it will be a timed test of **ALL** the tables to 12.

Practising Times Tables using TT Rockstars is a fun but essential way of them being able to rapidly recall their multiplications and will be monitored as part of their home learning. If your child is finding it difficult to access it at home they will be able to use a Chromebook during their lunchtime.

Your child's login details are attached to the front of their reading record along with their Purple Mash login (an optional choice of further learning support in all curriculum areas).

Online grammar and maths homework will be given each week using Education City and will need to be completed by Thursday each week. Their reading record is an excellent help they can use for their grammar work. If your child is finding the work difficult they can ask for help from home or at school during lunchtime.

P.E.

P.E. takes place every Wednesday with Mr Millington and with Mrs Toborne on a Monday.

Full school P.E. kits should be worn to school on the days your child have P.E. or any after school sport club (NO brands i.e. Nike/ Adidas etc to be worn). Suitable clothing such as tracksuits and sweatshirts in school colours will be needed during colder weather/ winter months. Please see website for correct school P.E kit.

In Year 4, the children once again get the chance to go swimming which will begin in November and again is on a Friday morning (The Monday PE session will stop when swimming takes place)

General reminders

- In the interests of health and safety, please send your child to school with a **book bag rather than a rucksack**. These are too large to accommodate in the corridor/ classroom which leads to an emergency exit. They are a tripping hazard and can cause an accident. Book bags are available for purchase from the office or the school shops in Kirkby.
- Do not let your child come into school early if no member of staff is standing at the gate.
- Children are encouraged to bring a bottle of still water to school to keep them hydrated throughout the day. Children must take them home each day so that they can be washed and refilled so that they remain clean and fresh.
- Alongside your child's water bottle for class they should have a small drinks carton within their lunch box. This stops children coming back into class when there may not be a member of staff in there as well as the possibility of your child leaving their drinks bottle in the hall.
- Please ensure your child has a **healthy snack** for playtime as they work really hard and need to be re-energised!
- Please make sure that your child is wearing full school uniform, including black school shoes. Trainers are allowed but have to be all black (soles included).
- Please make sure that children's clothing, lunch boxes and water bottles are **clearly labelled** with their name. All their clothing looks the same, so they are likely to struggle to recognise it if it gets lost.
- For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear jewellery to school other than one pair of small stud earrings. It would be helpful if earrings were not worn on P.E days/ swimming days as they should be removed for sport.
- Nail varnish and tattoo transfers are not permitted and must be removed before coming to school.
- All children **must** have their hair tied back if it is past their chin (this includes on own clothes days too). This can be a health and safety issue.
- Children are not permitted to bring toys into school. We have items for children to use if they need help with their concentration or emotional well being.
- Parents should drop off and collect their children from the side gate which is used to lead up to nursery. Please inform the **office** if your child is being collected by someone else other than who we know about, after school. We do not always have time to check the school email during the day. The gate will be locked at 9am so if your child arrives after that they must go through the office and will be marked as late.
- Adults must not enter the school other than through the office for safeguarding reasons.

CHET

All the information for Chet is on the class page. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hargreaves who is the organiser or myself if you have any questions.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to send a message to our class email on y4.melling@schools.sefton.gov.uk It is so important to us that your child is happy in school, so if you do have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us by ringing the office to arrange a telephone or face to face

appointment. We are really looking forward to teaching your child and building a strong teacher, parent link to support their learning and personal growth.

From all the Year 4 Team