

Year 4 Autumn 1 Topic Letter

"What Makes a Good Story Great?"



Welcome Back, Year 4!

We hope you had a wonderful summer full of fun with plenty of time to relax. We are very excited to share with you that our focus book for this half term will be **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio. At its heart, Wonder is about empathy, friendship, and choosing kindness. Throughout this half term, we will be exploring the essential question "What makes a good story great?".

PE

Year 4 PE lessons will be on a Thursday. Swimming sessions will take place first thing on a Monday. Please see the information letter sent out on 1st September for more details. Please note earrings will need to be taken out or a headband must be worn to cover them for the duration of the session.

School trips / Stay and Learn sessions

Our Stay and Learn session will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 16th December with the theme of Christmas crafts with an emphasis on developing evaluation skills🌟. We are hoping to have a school trip this half-term. Information will be confirmed at a later date.

Reward System

When children demonstrate excellent behaviour, in-line with our school values, they will be rewarded with a treasure chest dig. In Year 4, we have made the change to coupons where children can select from a variety of choices as their reward. Examples of coupons include 'come into school in non-uniform' and 'borrow footballs for play on the field'. On the day your child wishes to use these coupons, they simply bring the coupon in.

Homework

We encourage children to read daily at home, along with

Reading

Year 4's are expected to independently change their reading books as and when required.

Spellings

By Monday of next week, children will have been given spellings to practise at home. These will be given out in weekly intervals.

Many thanks,
Miss Ross & Mrs Moffitt 😊

ICT

iMovie

PSHE

Relationships with families and friends

D&T / Art

Plan, create and evaluate a product.

PE

Swimming / multi-sports

Music

Exploring musical vocabulary

Geography

Different environments round the Earth.

Maths

Place Value
Addition and Subtraction

Science

Forces and Motion

Dates for your diaries:

- Friday 17th September - Flu Immunisations
- W/C 13th October - Parents Evening Week
- 14/15/16th October - Steve Woodley Individual Photos
- Wednesday 15th October - Year 3 & 4 Western Hockey at QE2 Astro
- Tuesday 21st October - Year 3 & 4 Western Hockey Final at NSC
- Friday 24th October - Break Up for Half Term
- Monday 3rd November - Back At School

Advanced notice:

- Monday 1st December - Year 4 Christmas Concert
- Tuesday 16th December - Year 4 Stay & Learn
- Friday 20th March 2026 - Year 4 End of Year Assembly