

# Year 4 newsletter

## *Spring Term 1*

Dear all,

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year break. We're looking forward to a busy and exciting half term with the year 4s. Please see the attached curriculum information to find out some of the things we will be learning over the next half term.

### **General information:**

**PE:** PE days are Monday and Friday. Please make sure that your child comes to school wearing their full PE kit on these days.

**Water bottles:** Please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. We don't always have a teaching assistant in class with us, so getting drinks for children without bottles is sometimes difficult. Thank you.

**Spellings:** Spellings will continue to be sent out via Spelling Frame each Thursday, and tested the following Thursday.

**Times tables:** Please encourage your child to practise their times tables through Times Table Rockstars or any other method that they enjoy. We will continue to teach times tables daily in school and let you know which tables we are focusing on at the moment. We are working really hard to improve the class's knowledge of times table facts and really appreciate your help with this at home. Homework sheets will be sent out on a Monday (sometimes a Tuesday!). These sheets are just provided to add a bit of structure to your work at home. They do not have to be returned but children who do will receive 5 House Points or Dojo Points. Some children learn best through practical activities, so it is not compulsory. We can't stress enough how very important it is for your child to learn their tables.

**Communication:** Just a reminder that we use Class Dojo now for most communications. If you are not on Class Dojo yet and need help getting set up, please ask us. It's a great way for you to see what we get up to in school and also receive whole-class messages and reminders.

**Reading:** We listen to your child read in various different contexts throughout the week in school and aim to hear your child read the reading book individually once per week or fortnight. Please continue to listen to your child read at home. We recommend 10-15 minutes most days but we know that this is not always possible. As much as you can manage will be really beneficial to your child's reading fluency and use of prosody, even if your child is already accurate at decoding and/or sight reading most words. Please keep reading books and reading records in your child's bag so that we can listen to them on any day.

**Snacks:** Just a reminder that children are welcome to bring a healthy snack into school for playtime if they want to. This could be fruit, raw vegetables, or breadsticks/plain rice cakes etc. Please do not send chocolate, biscuits or crisps.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Chivers and Mrs Collins