

Friday 7th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 4 Curriculum Letter – Autumn Term 1

Welcome back to Hollyfield and Year 4! We hope you have had an enjoyable and restful summer and are now ready to begin a new and exciting year at Hollyfield. To help with a smooth transition between Year 3 and 4 we felt it would be helpful to give you some key information.



English

During our English lessons this half term, we will have a high focus on reading and expanding the children's vocabulary. Please encourage your child to read as much and as widely as possible. This will have an invaluable impact on their progress. We will be collecting in their reading records each Wednesday so please ensure that you have heard your child read and signed the diary throughout the week. A record will be kept in school of how often they are reading and prizes will be awarded to children who have read regularly. We recommend that you record your comments at least 4 times per week. These comments should reflect the reading that has taken place and may include opinions about characters and settings, new words learnt or predictions about what will happen next.

Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and how we can use both mental and written methods to solve real life problems. We will also concentrate on fractions and telling the time.

We will be focusing on the children's times table knowledge. There is a national expectation that children are fluent in **all** multiplication facts by the end of year 4 (12x12). This is a vital skill which will help them in many other areas of maths. To support the children in achieving this, there will be weekly timetables tests and weekly homework tasks.

P.E.

We will have P.E. twice a week (Monday and Friday) and usually one of these sessions will be indoors and one outdoors. Although we have timetabled sessions, these can change due to weather or other circumstances, therefore it is important that your child has their P.E. kit in school every day. This should include a white T-shirt, blue shorts, pumps and trainers. During colder weather, you may wish to provide your child with tracksuit bottoms and a jumper for outdoor PE, however they will still be required to wear shorts for indoor lessons. All earrings should be removed before school on these days to avoid loss or injury. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day.



Homework and Reading

Homework will be set every Friday for both English, spellings and Maths (including timestables) and will be due **back in on Wednesday at the latest**. If homework is not received by Wednesday, a reminder will be sent home with your child. Homework that is still not completed the following day will be completed during breaktime.

If your child has any concerns about the homework, it is important that they see us about it before it is due in so that appropriate support and guidance can be given.

Topic

Over the next term, we will be learning about The Romans. The work will focus predominantly on history but will also include skills from other areas of the curriculum. In art, we'll design and create vibrant mosaics. In history, we will look at how the Romans changed Britain. We will create a timeline of history and retell the story of Boudicca.

British values

British values are taught throughout the school curriculum and during this term we will concentrate on democracy and respect. This will link in with our PSHE, RE and other topics.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Miss Roden, Mrs Bisseker and Mrs Cooper-Jones

Year 4 Teachers