

Winkleigh Primary School

Year 4 – Spring Term 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year! I hope you have all had a fantastic couple of weeks over the festive period and a well-deserved break. I look forward to welcoming the children all back to school.

Our daily routine will stay the same as it was in September, the school gate will be open between 8:45 and 8:55am and children should line up on the playground until an adult is outside to meet them. The end of day routine will also continue to be staggered so children with a younger sibling in KS1 will leave at 3:20 and the rest of the class at 3:30.

PE for year 4 will now be on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, please can children wear their full PE kit on these days. This must be a plain white t-shirt and black shorts or leggings / tracksuit bottoms. We will be making use of the running track as much as possible so children should wear suitable black trainers every day.

In English our first focus text is 'Dare to Care for a Pet Dragon' by M.P. Robertson and Sally Symes. To begin with, we will look closely at the structure of this book and then also at the author's use of complex sentences. At the end of the unit we will make use of our new knowledge to write an informative leaflet. After that, we will look at the book 'Blue John' by Berlie Doherty which we will use to support the development of our descriptive narrative writing.

In Maths we will begin by looking at multiplication and division. We will look at a range of methods to represent these operations such as bar models and place value counters. After this, we will complete a short unit on measurement: area before moving on to fractions and decimals. The children will continue to take part in the Around the World Challenge each week on Wednesday. We aim to keep the pressure around this low however times tables practice at home would be fantastic.

The wider curriculum will remain the same. This half term, Year 4 will have Science, Geography, Art, ICT, PE, RE, PSHE and Spanish. The details of the sequences can be found on the class page of our website. The subject overviews contain the learning objectives, key vocabulary, prior learning and where this sequence fits in the children's journey through the subject. These overviews will also feature at the start of the sequence in the children's books and files. They will be familiar with the information that they contain and would provide a useful prompt for conversations at home.

For the spring term, spellings will continue to be tested weekly on Fridays. Children will have the opportunity to practice spellings in school every week however, any extra support from home with these will be greatly appreciated. In addition, children benefit hugely from reading regularly and therefore it would be fantastic if you could spend some time reading with your children at home.

It has come to our attention that more and more children have access to the internet independently at home. There has been a particular increase in children watching YouTube. Without supervision, it is possible to view very inappropriate content on this site. Please refer to the new eSafety pages on our website should you require support or guidance with this matter. There is a copy of our safe usage policy as well as a sheet for parents with lots of useful information on it.

If you have any questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk We will try to get a reply within 48 hours.

Kind Regards,

Miss McLean