



Year 4

Newsletter

Spring Term 2023



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a lovely Christmas. We would like to say a big thank you for all of the cards, gifts and Christmas wishes we received.

This term is set to be another busy one with lots of exciting learning taking place. Our topics this term are Wales and the Human Body.

With the introduction of the New Curriculum, we are also trying to get the children to learn outside more often. We are developing an outdoor area near the Year 4 classrooms. The children have come up with wonderful ideas of what they would like in the area and have even tried to work to a budget! If you have any items at home or work that you no longer need, we would really appreciate them. These may include items such as planters, plant pots, packs of seeds, plants, bird boxes, cable reels, compost, waterproof tablecloths, tarpaulin, trellis, log stumps, astroturf sections, gardening equipment such as trowels, gloves etc.. We are excited to create a lovely outdoor space for the children.



PE

This term, children will have the opportunity to take part in cricket lessons led by a cricket expert. Children will need to come to school in their PE kits on Mondays for the next 4 weeks. The sessions will take place during the school day.

PE kit: For the next 4 week:

Whole Year group: Monday - come to school in PE kits.

4CB: Tuesday - Swimming (last session 24th Jan) then PE kit in a bag.

4CH: Wednesday - PE kit in a bag.

4FH: Friday - PE kit in a bag.

Reading

We know it can sometimes be a challenge to get your child to read at home. To help, we are going to use rainbow bookmarks. Each child will start on a red bookmark. Each day they read at home, please sign and date the bookmark. We will still be using the reading record books to record when your child has read in school, so please continue to use both the record and bookmark. Once your child has read 10 times at home and filled the book mark,



they will then receive the next colour bookmark. Once they have filled all 7 bookmarks they will receive a prize.

Pencil Case & School Bag

It is really helpful for children to have their own pencil case and school bag. This helps them to be able to start their work straight away, look after their own belongings and bring home letters and their reading books. Children should also have their own named water bottle.

Snack

As we are a healthy school, playtime snack should only be fruit or vegetables. This can be purchased from school for £1.50 a week (30p a day) or children can bring in their own.



How you can help your child:

- Please encourage your child to read regularly, this will make the biggest difference to your child's education.
- Practise times tables - Every child has a TTRockstars log in to help them practise. If they have lost their log in details, please ask your class teacher.
- Every morning, in school, children use their spelling logs to practise words they have found difficult. We know that parent's often like to help their child to practise spellings at home too. Attached to this newsletter you will have key spelling words should you wish to go over them at home.
- Encourage independence – give children the opportunity to do things for themselves e.g. clean their room, pack their school bag and lunch boxes, get their clothes out ready for school etc..

Colomendy

At the end of March we have our residential trip to Colomendy to look forward to. Prior to our trip we will have numerous meetings with the children and will go through everything with them and answer all of their questions. We will also send home another list of the items they will need.

If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to get in contact.

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Thank you for your continued support,

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