

# YEAR 4 NEWS

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## Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers of 4H & 4E

Welcome back to another school year. We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

In this newsletter we will be explaining the programme of study for this term and clarifying our expectations concerning homework, reading and other school matters.

### Numeracy

Our Numeracy lessons will be following the numeracy strategy. On Mondays we will be focussing on basic skills and the children will be learning written methods to help them calculate answers. It would be great if you could support your child at home with lots of help learning about using maths in real life situations. Consistent practise of their mental maths skills and learning their times tables will enable them to achieve their very best.

### Literacy

During Literacy we will be looking at Historical texts. The first book we will be focusing on is 'The Mousehole Cat', a tale set in a Cornish fishing village. We will be using the book to concentrate on speaking and listening, poetry, drama, music and art as well as extended writing.

### Exciting Topics

This term we will be learning about:

- Malawi in Geography
- Christmas lanterns in Design Technology
- Monet in Art
- Fact files in ICT (linked to Geography)
- Football and Gymnastics in P.E.
- Caring for the Environment and Christmas in R.E.
- Circuits and friction in Science
- And we will be learning the trumpet in Music!

If you have any expertise in any of these areas or would be able to help provide resources or help then please let us know!

Trumpets will come home after lessons which take place on Tuesdays. It would be great if you could encourage your child to spend 10-15 minutes practising at home.

### PE

4H will be doing PE on Thursday and Friday.  
4E will be doing PE on Monday and Friday.

### Homework

Homework will provide the children with an activity each Thursday (due back on Tuesday). This will consist of asking the children to research a topic or tell us what they have learnt the previous week. The children can then present their homework in any way they wish. They can create a poster, design a PowerPoint presentation, or even an oral presentation to the rest of the class - it will be entirely up to them! This can be emailed to us at the addresses opposite.

## Malawi



In our Geography topic this term, the children will be learning about all aspects of Malawi. We are lucky enough to have a link school and hopefully the children will enjoy sending and receiving letters from children in Africa and learning about their lifestyles.

This year, our ICT lessons will be linked to Geography, and the children will be using Microsoft Word and developing their ICT skills to create a fact file. Any extra research at home would be very beneficial to their learning!

### Reading and Reading Records

Please ensure that your child reads for 15 to 20 minutes at least 3 times per week. Each week the children will be asked to read a certain amount of their group reader. In addition to this, children should have another book.

This can be a book from home or one chosen from school, but they must ensure they have this class reading book with them in school everyday. Please encourage your child to read a range of materials; newspapers and comics count too!

As you are aware books are expensive. In the event of any school book lost or damaged a charge of £5.00 will be applied in order that it can be replaced.

### Additional Information

If you would like to take the opportunity to come and meet the Year 4 team we will be holding a 'Meet and Greet' on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 2.45pm – 3.15pm**. We will be using this time to tell you a little more about what you and your child can expect from the year ahead.

Finally, if you have any concerns at all this term, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to getting to know both you and your children throughout the course of the coming year.

With thanks,

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