

Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back to year 4! We hope you all had a fantastic summer. This newsletter is designed to give you details about your child's learning this term as well as other important information you need to be aware of. As always, please do not hesitate to speak to us with any questions or comments you may have.

Thank you, Mr Toone and Mrs Frost (year 4 team).

What will my child be learning?

We are very lucky to have staff at Grace Mary whose expertise within certain subjects is very strong. Therefore, your child will be taught by lots of different staff during the year.

Subject	Autumn term 1 topic	Autumn term 2 topic	Who will teach the topic?
Humanities	Roman Britain	Rivers	Mr Toone/Mrs Frost
Science	Teeth and Digestion	Sound	Mr Toone/Mrs Frost
Art	Observational Drawing	Andy Warhol – Pop Art	Miss Flavell
Music	World Music Eastern Music	Drums and Bucket Drums	Mr Hayward
PE	Tag Rugby and Orienteering	Gymnastics	Mr Westwood
PSHE	All about me, Zones of regulation	Celebrating Differences	Mrs Hayward
Computing	Coding	Online safety and spreadsheets	Mr Westwood

More detailed information about each subject, including English and Maths, can be found on the Grace Mary website.

What homework will my child get?

Maths - children will be set weekly homework on www.maths.co.uk

They will also have access to TTRockStars to secure timetables knowledge.

Reading - children are expected to read every day for at least 10 minutes. They will bring home a colour banded book to read.

SPAG - homework will be set every two weeks on www.SPAG.com

Spellings - children will be sent home weekly spellings on a Monday to learn for a quiz on the following Friday.

Self-quizzing – children will be encouraged to self-quiz using the knowledge organisers for Science and Humanities topics.

What other key information do I need to know?

PE days are on a Tuesday so please ensure your child has the expected kit and remove any jewellery.

Book changing days are on a Monday so please send books and book bags in on this day only.

School doors open at 8.30am so please ensure that the children are in early as this will ensure a calm, relaxed start of the day.

Secure times tables knowledge is key for future success in Maths. Year 4 children will be preparing to take the Statutory Times Tables Check in the summer term. This on-screen tool (containing 25 questions) checks their ability to fluently recall times tables up to 12x12.

There is no 'pass mark' but higher scores indicate strong times tables knowledge. This check will allow us to identify pupils who need additional support in mastering their times tables in Upper Key Stage 2.