

Burlish Park -Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back! We hope that you enjoyed a fantastic summer break. We are pleased to be welcoming the children into Year 4!

Writing

As writers, we will be focusing on improving our descriptive writing. We will be developing our skills when describing settings and developing characters. The stories that we will be using will focus on magic and wizardry!

Reading

As readers, we will be developing our reading skills further. We will be improving our ability to make inferences from a text, make comparisons within stories and improve our skills of retrieving information and facts. We will be using Accelerated Reading Scheme to practise our comprehension skills.

Maths

We will focus on and reinforce calculation skills involving addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. You can support your child at home by practising all of these calculation skills and any mental methods. Your

child should know the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables by the end of Year 3. In Year 4, the children need to learn the 6, 7 and 9 times tables. The children will be taking a times tables test at the end of the year therefore there will be a continued focus on learning these. We encourage adults to practise with their children daily. This is a fun activity that can be done online with TT Rock Stars, on the way to school, in the supermarket or before bed!

Cross Curricular Subjects

As **scientists**, we will be learning about living things and their habitats.

As **artists**, we will be learning how artists accurately create a drawing of a street view in perspective.

As **digital creators**, we will be learning about cyphers and the role of computers in supporting humans to both create and crack codes

As **technologists**, children will work individually to design a shell structure for an intended user and purpose. They will apply their learning from the unit to make and evaluate their own shell structure judging against the design criteria.

As **geographers**, we will be looking at the positive and negatives of tourism.

As **historians**, we will be learning about how the Ancient Greeks influenced the modern western world.

As a **linguist**, we will be exploring the topic of weather to developing our Spanish vocabulary and grammar.

As **musicians**, we will be studying In the Hall of the Mountain King. Children will be asked to make decisions about how to depict characters through instruments and their choices in relation to the interrelated dimensions of music.

As **sportspeople** we will be studying target games, health and fitness, dance and invasion games.

As a **theologist** we will be exploring what Hindu's believe God is like and what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today.

In **My Life** we will be find out about nutrition and dental health and human rights.

Reading at home

Please listen to your child read every night as this helps to further improve their progress. Asking questions about the text engages children and helps check their understanding of what they have read. After reading, please sign and put a comment in their Reading and Homework Diary.

Physical Education

P.E. takes place every Monday and Friday. **All PE kit** needs to be named, including trainers. Children need a white t-shirt or house t-shirt, navy or black shorts, spare socks and trainers. P.E. kits will be sent home on a Friday for washing. Please can you return them on a Monday.

School Jumpers

Please ensure all jumpers (and property in general) have your child's name in. The children regularly visit other parts of the school during the school day and it is almost impossible to reunite them if they have no name and class label.



Reminders

- Your child needs their reading book and reading diary in school **every day**.
- Parents/carers need to book and pay for school lunches on ParentPay by midnight on Tuesday for the following week. Please see the office if you need any help with ParentPay.

Homework

Homework will be set on Seesaw. It will be sent every Friday, to be returned the following Friday.

Spellings: put on Seesaw on a Monday, tested on Friday

Attendance & Punctuality

Year 4 are striving to get 100% attendance! Please only keep your child at home if really necessary and ensure that they are on time for the start of lessons.

And finally...

Please feel free to approach us with any concerns or ideas, preferably at the end of the school day or through Seesaw.

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