

Burlish Park

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed a fantastic summer break. We are looking forward to welcoming the children into Year 4 this year!

Our Topic

This half term our topic is *Powerful Potions*. This is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) project in which children will experiment with solids, liquids and gases in a variety of fun and engaging ways.

Writing

In English we will be focusing on improving our descriptive writing. We will be developing our skills when describing settings and building characters.

The stories that we will be using will be inspired by magic and wizardry!



Reading

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.

Maths

We will 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 sitting 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!

Other Subjects

<i>Computing</i>	E-safety and Coding
<i>Science</i>	States of matter
<i>Geography</i>	Earth Matters
<i>P.E.</i>	Gymnastics and Invasion Games
<i>R.E.</i>	Christianity

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. We will start our next exciting Reading Challenge soon!

Physical Education

P.E. takes place every Monday and Tuesday. **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. Please ensure they have this in school at all times. Children need a navy or black tracksuit for the cooler weather.

Staffing

Mr Lindley and Mrs Kelly-Edwards will teach the children on Tuesday afternoons for PE and Music.

School Jumpers

Please ensure all jumpers (and personal 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 and Homework Diary in school every day.
- School lunch envelopes must be returned by Thursday each week.

Break time snack

Please send children in with a fruit or vegetable healthy snack to eat during their mid-morning break.

Homework

Maths and English: issued every Tuesday, to be returned the following Monday.
Spellings: given out on a Monday and tested on the following Monday.

Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher will be held on Monday 10th September 2018, 4pm until 5pm. Please take this opportunity to come and speak to your child's teacher about any issues or concerns you may have, or just to say hello!

Attendance & Lateness

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

And finally...

THANK YOU for your help and support. As ever, please feel free to approach us with any concerns or ideas, preferably at the end of the school day.

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