



Year 4 Class Newsletter

Miss Skinner and Mrs Lambert



Welcome to Year 4

Welcome to a new and exciting year at Northleaze! We hope that you have all had a fun and restful summer, and are looking forward to a new school year.

We have lots of exciting learning planned for the children, some of the things we are looking forward to are: exploring 'sound' in science, we have a fun workshop planned in the first week to introduce the topic; learning about The Romans in our history unit (where we will be visiting a Roman Fortress in Caerleon – more information to follow) and creating Gaudi inspired mosaics in art. There will also be lots of opportunities for some lovely writing, initially the whole school will be focusing on the book *Change Sings* by Amanda Gorman and we will also be working on our numeracy skills, primarily focusing on place value.

In Year 4 we encourage creativity and fun as well as hard work, positive thinking and perseverance. We also have high expectations of behaviour and encourage proactive attitudes, as a result we are sure that we will become a dynamic Year 4 team!

P.E Kits

Children will need to come dressed in PE kit for lessons on Monday and Friday. Monday will be hockey with the class teacher and Friday will be tag rugby with Bristol Sport. We will not be doing PE on the first day back, so please do not come in PE kit on 5th September. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct Northleaze PE kit, and is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Homework

We will be setting weekly homework on Doodle (maths, English and spelling). Last year this class continually won the trophy so we would love to see that continue!

We would also really appreciate if you could support your child at home with their times tables. We will be doing lots of practise in school, however the more exposure they get, the better, as times table knowledge and recall underpins many areas of maths and will help them with their learning. There is also the Y4 multiplication check in June so we would like to ensure that all children feel as prepared and confident as possible.

READING

Getting lost in a book is one of life's simple pleasures. We will aim to listen to your child individually at least once a fortnight and during quiet reading. To be able to hear children more frequently, we would really love to have some volunteers to come into school and listen to readers. If you would be interested or have a family member who would like to, please contact us via the email at the bottom of the newsletter.

Outside of this, children are expected to read on a daily basis either to an adult at home or independently. They will each receive a Reading Record book and it would be much appreciated if you, the adult listening or the child themselves, could jot in their Reading Record what they have read each evening and any relevant comments. If the child has written in the book, please add an adult's initials. This Record will be checked regularly so please help your child remember to bring it into school with them each day. For every three signatures in their Reading Record book, they will earn one house point.

Regular reading has many benefits to children's learning and your support in this will also make a great difference to their progress in writing and spelling. When listening to your child read, it would be really beneficial if you could ask your children reading comprehension questions about what they have read to check their understanding of the text.

We really look forward to our time with Year 4 and feel positive about the year ahead. If you have any queries, then feel free to speak to either of us at the end of the school day, send an email to the Year 4 account (year4@northleazeschool.co.uk) or if it's urgent then call the office on 01275 540077.

Kind regards,

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