

Year 4AW Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1: Thu 3 Sep - Fri 23 Oct

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a good summer and enjoyed some quality time together. We are both so pleased to be working with you and your children as they begin this next step on their learning journey.

Routines: Mrs Armstrong will be teaching the class Mondays and Tuesdays, Mrs Wilkinson will be teaching the class Thursdays and Fridays and we will then work alternate Wednesdays. PE days are Thursday and Friday. Children will have the opportunity to bring home a library book on a Monday to return on a Friday. They will also bring home a skills reading book on a Friday to be returned on a Wednesday. Homework will be uploaded every Friday to the VLE to be completed by Wednesday. This can be returned either via the VLE or printed out and brought into school. Children will also have access to paper copies if required. Homework will consist of 45 minutes of English—an English task plus spelling practice (ready for a test on a Tuesday) and 45 minutes of Maths—a Maths task plus times tables practice. In addition to this, children will be expected to read at least 3 times a week and record their reading in their homework diary, which will be checked on a Wednesday.



Creative Curriculum: This half term we will be starting with our creative curriculum topic, “What legacy did the Ancient Greek’s leave behind?”. During this topic, we will be exploring the structure of the Greek society including daily life, religion and the impact this has had on the world.

English: Our focus text for this half term will be *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell. Through this text, children will be exploring new vocabulary and identifying how authors create suspense and atmosphere in their writing. They will also be developing their grammar and writing skills by experimenting with sentence structures and grammatical conventions to create their own narrative written pieces.



Maths: In Maths, we will begin with a focus on Place Value. Children will be developing their understanding of ordering and comparing numbers, partitioning numbers and rounding to the nearest 1000.

RE: In RE, we will be focusing on the questions, “What is it like to follow God?”. The children will retell the story of Abraham and explain what this means to Christians today. They will understand that some Christians are inspired to have faith like Abraham and follow God. They will talk and raise questions about how following God might make a difference in the world today.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us, either in person on the playground or by writing a note in your child’s diary.

Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Wilkinson