

# YEAR 4 PEARL CLASS

## AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

A very warm welcome to year 4 for your children and to you. We are looking forward to working with your children this year and helping them to progress.

### Equipment

Pupils in Year 4 need a water bottle at school every day please. They are also welcome to bring in a pencil case and headphones are also useful for computer lessons and guided reading sessions.

### Literacy and Maths

This term we will study a book called Fly Eagle Fly by Christopher Gregorowski and we will also complete writing linked to our Romans topic. We will then do lots of non fiction writing after half term linked to the topic about digestion.

### 144 club

We will be continuing the 144 club to help encourage children to learn their timetables. Each week during one of their maths lessons pupils will have a ten minute test to answer questions about the times tables they have been learning. These questions will be a mixture of multiplications and divisions linked to the times table they are learning e.g.  $5 \times 6 = ?$   $60$  divided by  $6 =$

You can help your child to succeed by singing, saying and testing them on the timestable they are learning. Some children should also have brought home cards to help them practise their times tables. We will send home certificates as they achieve different targets.

### Cornerstones

Our first topic this term is 'I am Warrior' which looks at the impact of the Roman invasion in Britain. Our express day is Friday 19th October at 3:20pm. We will be visiting a Roman Villa and will send a letter soon with more details.

After half term we will start our topic 'Bottoms, Burps and Bile' which will involve us investigating digestion and healthy eating.

### Home learning

We will continue to send home a creative homework grid each half term and the children will need to complete a piece of homework from this sheet once a fortnight.

In the other weeks we will set some tasks on Mathletics and a target score on Spellodrome for the children to achieve. We will write the homework into the children's contact books every Monday, so they can keep track of what is due in when.

### Reading

The children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes EVERY day. We are really focusing on them **understanding vocabulary**, so please make sure they have a dictionary, ipad or computer to look up words they do not understand whilst they are reading. Or encourage them to ask you the meaning of unknown words.

The children must record the pages they read in the reading record page in the contact books. Please listen to them read at least once a week and record this in the contact books. By doing this you will help them move along our reading '**Road to Success**'. If they read 5 times in a week they can travel down the next section of the road and when they get to the end they will be able to exchange their scooter picture for a bike!

### **Science**

We are looking forward to studying 'sound and how it travels' in our first science topic and after the half term break we will move on to digestion and the human body.

### **Computing**

We will start the year by teaching children to use Google Docs to create word documents and powerpoints. We will cover internet safety with the class and then move on to programming.

### **P.E**

Our PE lessons will be on Tuesday and Friday. Please could you ensure that earrings are removed for PE days as we do not want any accidents

Some of these lessons will be outside, even during the colder months so please make sure your child has **all** the following:

- Plimsolls or trainers
- T-shirt (coloured t-shirts are available from PMG schoolwear)
- Shorts
- Jogging bottoms

We are always grateful to parents who put names into the shorts and T-shirts. It makes it so much easier to return clothing to the correct child.

We will be teaching football and hockey in our outdoor PE lessons and indoors we will cover dance and gymnastics.

### **R.E**

Our focus for R.E. this half term is Christianity and we are considering the question: What is the 'Trinity' and why it is important for Christians?. After half term we will be learning about Hinduism and considering the question: What do Hindus believe God is like?

### **PSHE**

Our first topic is 'All about me and considers the ways that we are different and the same'.

### **French**

For the first half term we will be learning the names of objects in our classroom such as bags, pencil cases and pens. We will then move on to naming the parts of our bodies.

### **Contact Books**

The children will continue to bring home contact books. These will be signed each Monday in school and we would appreciate you doing the same at home. If you have any messages for the teachers please use the contact book.

We are really looking forward to another fun and hardworking term.

Ms Culpin, Mr Young and Mrs Kearns