



Year 4 Term 5 Newsletter

As the weather shows signs of improvement, we are looking forward to the Summer term in year 4. We have a lot of exciting learning ahead, so please do spend some time reading our Curriculum Overview, which outlines the main focus this term in each subject. This term we have forest school, and hope to spend some more time outdoors as part of our science learning on exploring habitats. If you are able to support this topic by spending time with your child in different environments and looking at different plants and animals beyond the school, this would be great. Photos on dojo are always welcome.

Reading

Quality reading time is built into each school day, but we do also encourage all children to read for at least 15 minutes each day at home, sharing this reading with an adult.

We have timetabled library slots so that children can change reading books regularly, and we ask that the children complete an AR quiz after each book where possible. The site can be accessed using this link <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/2240567> Your child has their own username and password, which they should already be using regularly, but please request on dojo if you need it again.

Spelling

Children will continue to be given a spelling list of 10 words each week on a Monday, which they should practise at home in preparation for a spelling test on the following week. A paper copy of these will be provided, and we will also endeavour to put the list on dojo each week. Please do ask your class teacher if you are unsure of your child's spelling group.

Times Tables

In year 4, we teach times tables regularly, within maths lessons and as a separate activity. They will use Times Tables Rockstars in school to support their learning, but please do encourage them to use this site to continue their practise at home. <https://trockstars.com/> Another useful free site to practise tables is <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

Equipment

Please can we ask all children to come to school with a pencil case containing:

- Blue handwriting pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Sharpener
- Glue stick
- Purple pen

They may also choose to bring colouring pens/pencils

Reminders

Finally, please ensure your child comes to school each day with a water bottle for use in class. This should only contain water. Our P.E day is Wednesday. Please send children into school in their P.E kits on these days.

On Mondays of this term we have FOREST SCHOOL, therefore children should arrive in suitable clothes for this activity.

We are here to help, so please let us know if you have any concerns by chatting when you collect your child, sending a message via dojo, or by contacting the school office. We will always aim to return calls and answer queries as quickly as possible.