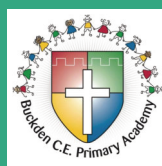




YEAR 4

AUTUMN TERM ONE



Welcome to our class letter for this half term. We are excited to share with you our learning journey.

In English

We are reading *Mama Miti* which will lead to us writing in a variety of styles. In SPAG we are focusing on the use of apostrophes and sentence structure. Our spelling will have a focus on homophones as well as learning about prefixes and suffixes.

In Maths

We are learning: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, including problem solving in all areas.

In RE

We are learning about the Creation and Fall from the Bible. We are focusing on how God forgives and how we can forgive others.

In Science

We are learning about living things and their habitats. We are focusing on how to classify living things by looking at their characteristics.

In PSHE

We are learning about democracy and citizenship. We are thinking about how we can use democracy in our lives at home and school. We are also looking at conflict resolution.

In Geography

We will learn about biodiversity; how human activity impacts different ecosystems and examine the challenges faced in reducing climate change and grid references.

In History

We will explore the ancient civilisations and look at what made them so powerful and the influences they have on our lives today.

In Art

We are comparing the art styles of Henri Rousseau and Jelly Green. We are practicing our sketching skills to sketch animals.

In French

We are learning the French phonics and how to describe the weather.

In DT

We are learning how to use mechanisms, pivots and levers, to create a fact file.

In Music

We are working on our singing techniques for our Year 4 play performance.

In PE

We are working on our communication and teamwork skills in netball. We are also improving our skills for rugby games.

In Computing and Online Safety

We are learning how networks provide access to information and how to evaluate if online content is honest and accurate.

Our PE Days:

Please ensure that PE kits are in school for Monday and Thursday. However, with the British weather, we could have a PE lesson any day of the week so it is best to leave the PE kit in school for the full half term.

To accommodate for all types of weather, please ensure that you have an extra layer and a spare pair of socks should your feet get wet when it rains. It may also be useful to have a plastic bag for your trainers to go in if they get muddy. Please remind your child to bring in tape if they have earrings.

Homework:

In Year 4, children are expected to read 5 days a week for 20 minutes. Children benefit from reading aloud to an audience as it encourages them to use more expression in their speech. Children have also reported that they miss being read to as they get older and how much they enjoy this. Children will complete an AR quiz at school for each book they read. You can check if a book is on AR at home via AR Bookfinder (no logins needed).

DoodleMaths for 10 minutes per day will help solidify their learning. As there is a national multiplication test this year, we also recommend at least 5 minutes of DoodleTables daily practice.

In English, we will be exploring 'Mama Miti', below are other books that you may like to read:

Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa by Jeanette Winter

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry

Lila and the Secret of Rain by David Conway and Jude Daly

A is for Activist by Innosanto Nagara

Our Planet: Infographic How It Works by Jon Richards and Ed Simkins