

Year 4 Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all children and families. We hope you had a fantastic summer and are ready for the new year ahead. The children have returned full of enthusiasm and have already made a fantastic start to the year.

We look forward to working with both you and your child and hope that you will come and see us with any concerns.

The Curriculum

This term our 'connector' is called 'Then and Now'.

We will be learning all about life in World War II and the lasting legacy that the war had on Britain. Children will find out about what life was like as an evacuee child and begin to make sense of how the War fits into the history of Great Britain.

We would welcome any resources or information you have to support our learning, in particular any family members who have memories of the war who would be willing to come and spend an afternoon with the class would be most welcome. Please let us know.



As part of this unit we will be visiting Holdenby House for a World War II experience day. Details will follow shortly.

Due to the changing and unpredictable English weather children need indoor and outdoor PE kits in school daily.

All kit must be named as we encourage all children to take responsibility for their own belongings.

Grendon Residential

Year 4 children have the opportunity to take part in a three day residential to Grendon. This has been a great success over the past three years and we would love all children to take part. Details will be sent out in a letter regarding dates and costs.

Please call in for further information.

Dates

11th Sept: School council elections

21st Sept: Projects set

2nd Oct: Jeans for Genes day

16th Oct: Harvest Festival

20th Oct: Parent's evening 5-7

22nd Oct: Parent's evening 3.30-5.30

15th Dec: Concert 10.30, 1.30, 6.30

Homework

Details of homework is set out in the communication books. Please make sure your child is spending at least 30 minutes per night on reading, spellings, times tables and a further 2 hours weekly on projects.

Please record weekly progress in the communication book.

What are we learning?

Literacy

- I am going to write a story set in World War 2
- I am going to develop characters to make my story more interesting

Numeracy

- I am learning my times table and the value of digits in a number

Science

- I am learning how to measure temperature
- I am learning what materials are best to stop ice from melting

History

- I am going to learn what it was like to be an evacuee in the war and keep a diary
- I am going to learn about World War 2 and retell this information in different ways

PE

- I am going to compose and perform a Blitz dance
- I am learning to play golf

Music

- I am going to learn to create lyrics and melodies for a song
- I am going to perform my song to an audience

French

- I am going to learn to count to 40 and name animals in French
- I am going to find out about France and present my findings

Communication Books

Communication books are now up and running and should help improve links between home and school. Please feel free to make comments, tell us important pieces of information, celebrate your child's success or your concerns.

We will include reading records at the back, letters in the envelope and rewards or messages home at the front.

Have a fun term
and we look forward
to seeing you in
school