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## Year 4 Newsletter - Term 3

We are very pleased to be welcoming the pupils back to Term 3!  
We hope that you all had wonderful holidays and a happy new year!

### Foundation Subjects

This term our topic is called 'The Big Freeze!' We will mainly be looking at the environments of the Arctic and Antarctic. If you *would like* to do any extra learning, you could do a project about an Arctic or Antarctic explorer. Examples could be Sir Ernest Shackleton, Robert Falcon Scott, Sir Edmund Hillary and Roald Amundsen. You could present this in any imaginative way you like (e.g. As a poster, a diary, an information booklet etc.). If you do, this should be returned to school during the last week of term so that we can get the children to share them with their class on the last day of term.

### Science

students will explore states of matter this term; focusing on solids, liquids, and gases. They learn to identify and describe properties of each state, understand changes between them, and investigate how heating and cooling affect materials.

<b>Music</b> Changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics	<b>Computing</b> Animation	<b>PE</b> Tag rugby / Tri Golf
<b>P.S.H.E</b> Healthy Me (Jigsaw Scheme)	<b>R.E</b> What makes some texts sacred?	<b>French</b> Family and faces

In literacy, we will be studying a text called 'Shackleton's Journey'. During this unit of work, we will be creating fact files, newspaper reports and poetry. We ask that the children do not investigate this text further at home until we have covered it in class as it could spoil their experiences in lessons! Thank you.

### Term 3 - Dates for your diary

- 05.01.26: Term 3 begins & club sign up closes at 4pm
- 09.01.26: Club replies sent out.
- Week beginning 12.01.26: Clubs commence
- 19, 21, 23, 26, 27.01.26: Disco tickets available (8:15 - 9:00am)
- 27.01.26: PTA School Disco! (Y4 @ 4:30 - 5:30pm)
- 30.01.26: Mother's Day gift order forms sent home
- Week beginning 09.02.26: Children's mental health awareness week
- 09.02.26: Happy, Healthy, Hampton Day
- 10.02.26: Safer Internet Day
- 13.02.26: End of Term 3!

### Home learning

Please continue to read as regularly as possible with your child to help support their progression in reading. Please practise recall of multiplication facts using the Times Tables Rock stars (TTRS) website and the MTC practise website (Google search: URBrainy MTC). The Multiplication Tables Check is a government assessment conducted in June.



### Contact details

If you have any specific enquiries regarding your child in Year 4 then please feel free to contact your child's class teacher either by telephone or by using the Class Dojo website. Teachers will aim to respond to your enquiry as soon as possible.

### General information

#### PE Kits

Year 4 PE days are on **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**. Children will need to wear their PE Kit into school on those days. This includes house PE t-shirt with school logo, **school jumper or hoody** with school logo, currently white shorts but changing to plain black shorts (in line with the Women's football campaign 'No more white shorts') or tracksuit bottoms in winter months and trainers. Please ensure all PE kit is named.

#### Healthy break time snacks

Please ensure children bring in a piece of fruit or healthy snack for break time to promote our healthy school ethos. Satsumas, apples and bananas are available to purchase at break time from the school canteen at 40p per item. Please respect that we are a nut-free school so we kindly request that you refrain from sending your child in with any snack containing nuts.

#### Uniform

Children are responsible for their own school uniform. A reminder to please **clearly label uniform** with names and classes to ensure it can be returned easily if misplaced.