



# Watling Street School

## Year 4 Newsletter

### Welcome to the Autumn Term in Year 4.

#### This term we will be learning all about:

Maths – In maths this term we will be covering several different topics, including; number and place value, addition and subtraction, properties of shape, multiplication and division, position and direction, fractions, decimals, mass and time.

English – In English this term we will be covering fiction, non-fiction and poetry. In these units we will be reading, investigating and writing a variety of different text types, including; diaries, biographies, narratives, audio stories and podcasts and figurative poetry.

Cornerstones – Our first Cornerstones topic this term is 'I am warrior' In this topic we will be learning all about Roman and Celtic warriors, and comparing them, the history of the Roman empire, Celtic forts, Queen Boudicca Celtic and Roman housing, Roman people and Roman gladiators.

Science – Our first Science topic will be 'Sound' We will be learning all about how sounds are made, how they travel, how we can prevent them from travelling and how the ear works. Our second topic will be 'Changing State' when we will be investigating the different states of materials and how we can change materials from one to another.

RE – In RE this term we will be learning about Christian and Hindu questions to answer their similarities and differences and we will be looking at the journey they take and link it to our own. We will then look at what it is like to be Hindu where we focus on their faith, the Gods they believe in and the symbolism of light.

Music – We will be continuing to have a music teacher for our 'Rock it' music this term. We will also be learning about singing different types of songs.

Computing – Our first computing topic is 'We are co-authors' where we will be learning all about Wikipedia ages and having a go at creating our own. Then we will move onto 'We are software developers' where we will be developing our own simple games.

PE – Our topics for this term will be Striking and fielding, Outdoor Adventure activities and net and wall ball games, developing their skills.

MFL – In French this term our first topic will be number 100 to 20 where we will be practising saying and writing the key vocabulary for all numbers to 20 including the use of number in money time and age. We will then move on to food where we will be learning the vocabulary for breakfast and lunch.

PSHE – Our first topic will be Me and my school where we look at the rules we need to follow, democracy and the use of it in school. We also look at the use of a chair person and leadership. Then we will look at me and my relationships, this will cover changes that happen in our lives, strategies to express feelings and think about how our behaviour affects others.

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### Important information for Year 4

- PE lessons – This term our PE lessons will be on a Monday and a Friday. Monday will be our outdoor session (the great British weather permitting of course!) so it would be great if you could provide your child with jogging or track suit bottoms and trainers as the weather starts to get a bit cooler. If I could ask you to leave the children's kits in school until half term and I will make sure they all come home to be washed during the holidays. Please remember that all long hair needs to be tied up for PE and all jewellery must be removed, could you please ensure earrings are removed at home on these days.
- Reading books— All the children have now been provided with a new reading book and diary and I would be grateful if they could bring it into school every day. We will endeavour to change reading books in as soon as possible. If you ever feel there is a problem with your child's reading books then please write me a note in their diary and I will do my best to sort it out quickly. If you could sign the reading diaries to let me know the children have completed the book I would be very grateful. We encourage the children to develop all aspects of their reading so we do ask the children to answer the questions on 'bug club' before we change their reading book for a new one. This is to ensure they have understood thoroughly what they have read.
- Homework— In Year 4 the children will be given weekly spellings to learn on Monday, these spellings will be linked to the spelling rules we will be learning in class. I will also set homework on the 'purple mash' website for the whole half term so the children are able to complete the tasks throughout the half term. All of the children have been re-issued with their usernames and passwords but please let me know if there are any problems accessing the work.
- Water Bottles— All of the children will be encouraged to keep a water bottle by their desks during the day and will give the opportunity to fill them up before school, at playtime and dinnertime. There is a box in the classroom for the children to keep their bottles in if they wish to for overnight and at weekends. There is also a box for the children to store their lunch time drinks.
- Staff— As well as me this year, we also have Mrs Dix, Miss Evans and Mrs Gibson working in Year 4.

