



## Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back to school! I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer holiday and I'm glad to see Year 4 make such a positive transition into this year group. The children have made a great return to school, with many stories, successes and smiles being shared all around!

### Year 4 Expectations

As the children have made the move into Year 4, there is an increase in the expectations for them. This is an important year for them to develop in confidence; both in the curriculum and wider school life. I am confident that this class is capable of rising to the challenges set out for them.

The children will be expected to work hard and concentrate fully during lessons to achieve their best potential. We ask that all children take pride in their work and work to the best of their ability. In addition to this, Year 4 children should be starting to take more responsibility for organising their belongings and time. This means they should be thinking about what they need to bring to school each day, as well as what they need to take home – including water bottles, PE kits, reading books and records. Please help with this organisation by clearly labelling all personal belongings.

### Curriculum

<b>English</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Formal letter</li><li>-Classic fiction</li><li>-Persuasive advert</li></ul>	<b>RE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Creation</li><li>-Jesus teaches us to pray</li><li>-Jesus: Light of the world</li><li>-Advent</li></ul>	<b>Design Technology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Food: Pizza</li></ul>	<b>Spanish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Days of the week, colours, numbers, months of the year</li></ul>
<b>Maths</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Place value</li><li>-Addition and subtraction</li><li>-Area</li><li>-Multiplication and division</li></ul>	<b>History</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-The Ancient Egyptians</li></ul>	<b>Year 4 Curriculum</b>	<b>PE (Mon/Tue)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Tennis</li><li>-Outdoor learning and orienteering</li></ul>
<b>Science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Living Things and their Habitats</li><li>-Animals including Humans</li></ul>	<b>Geography</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-The Americas</li></ul>	<b>Art</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Drawing and sketching landscapes</li><li>-Watercolour</li></ul>	<b>Computing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Audio editing</li><li>-Programming</li></ul>

## Homework

In Year 4, children will receive homework every week and are expected to complete this on time and independently. Weekly homework will be set on a Monday, due in the following Monday and will consist of the following:

**Reading:** All children have recently been re-assessed according to the revised banding of the reading scheme and should have since brought home a book appropriate to their reading ability and comprehension level. There is an expectation for children to read at home a minimum of 4 times per week and bring their reading record and book into school daily. Reading records should be signed by an adult and handed in on a Monday morning to be checked and signed by a school adult. If the reading record has not been handed in, not been signed by a parent/guardian or does not evidence that the child has read at least 4 times at home, they will be given a chance to rectify by the next day or lose 5 minutes of their break time.

**SPaG.com/TTRS:** Every child should now have received a reminder of their login details to both of these websites through which they can access any homework set via these platforms. If there are any issues around access to a device or the internet, please do let us know as soon as possible so that alternative arrangements can be made. I will also be sending a page containing all log in details to you through email.

**Spellings:** Children will receive 5 words from the Year 3/4 statutory word list which they should practise each night alongside the spelling rule of the week from which they will be tested on 5 associated words.

I look forward to speaking with you at our open evening in October. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please send me an email: [tom.rolison@allsoulsschool.co.uk](mailto:tom.rolison@allsoulsschool.co.uk) .

Many Thanks,

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