



Welcome to Class 8's Autumn Overview



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to Year 4! The children have settled into their new class very well and are becoming independent learners. We are very proud of them all. Year 4 is an exciting and busy year, and so we want to support you in every way we can. You will receive information about whole school matters through school letters, but we also wanted to send you our own information about Year 4 through a newsletter.

Remember we will be using Google Classroom for spellings and homework.

Thank you, Miss Sawdon, Miss Hobson and Mrs Kay.



Maths

We are focusing on place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division this term. Times tables and mental arithmetic will be practised daily to improve our rapid recall skills. By the end of Year 4 we expect children to know all times table facts up to 12x12. Children will sit a statutory multiplication test to check their knowledge.

Weekly 'times tables tests' will be completed on a Friday. Please support your child in learning their times tables – you could quiz them on the way to and from school!

TTRockstars is a brilliant way of having fun whilst learning times tables. Look out for battles against other classes!



English



This term, we will look at the genres of story-writing, diary entries, letters, acrostic poetry, persuasive posters and non-chronological reports. Look out for texts on Google Classroom that link to our English work.

In our reading sessions we will practise comprehension skills to help our understanding of a text.

Grammar, punctuation, spelling and handwriting will be practised daily in class. We will now be moving on to spellings from the Year 4 word lists and explore how sentences can be written using different structures.

Finally, we will be encouraging all children to speak clearly in full sentences, as this is a focus we are having throughout the year.

Science

During the Autumn term we will be learning about Animals including humans. We will be studying teeth, food chains and the human digestive system.

We will then be exploring states of matter and learning about solids, liquids and gases.



RE

Our first topic that we will look at this term is Family (Domestic Church). In this topic, we will look at how God wants us love and respect our family. We will also take some time to look at Baptism and think about what happens when someone is baptised in church.

We take time to think about other religions and this term we will look at Judaism in which we will learn about Shabbat in a Jewish Family.

In our Advent/Christmas, we will focus on Advent as a time of waiting and preparing.

PSHE

This term in PSHE we will be exploring how we can build positive friendships, how to take care of our mental and physical health and encouraging each other to have a positive effect on the wider world.



PE

Our P.E lessons are delivered by Miss Sawdon and Jamie Poole. The children will learn the rules of tag rugby and develop ball skills including passing backwards and scoring.

They will practise various techniques and then practise these against their opponents. The children will build on their teamwork skills from last year.

P.E lessons will take place on a Tuesday afternoon and a Wednesday afternoon, so remember to have P.E Kits in school (White tops/red shorts and trainers).

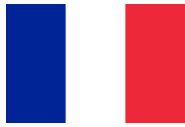
Computing

We will be introducing the children to e-safety. We also explore the use of 'Fake News' online and discuss the importance of sorting the truth from the lies they see online.

Please encourage safe internet use at home and good and legal use of social networks. Thank you.

French

Bonjour! In French we will be learning to describe in our appearance using different adjectives. We will also continue to practice numbers to 20 and colours in French.



Au revoir!

History & Geography

We will be learning all about France in Geography this first half term. We will discover The Alps, French rivers, landmarks and landscapes.

In history next half term, we will research the Vikings and how they invaded England and Scandinavia. They also came to Thornaby!

Art, Music and D&T

Art will be based around French artist, Edgar Degas. The children will explore sketching, painting and collage skills.

In Music the children will be listening to ABBA and learning how to sing Mamma Mia! We will also learn to play the song using a glockenspiel.

In D&T children will be learning how to weave a Viking sail.

Homework

Reading is very important! Please listen to your child read regularly and ensure they bring their reading book and record to school every day. It would be appreciated if you could also write a comment to let us know how your child is getting on at home with their reading.

Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Friday and your child will be tested on the following Thursday. Please help your child to learn their words each week for the test.

Important Dates!

The last school day of this half-term is Thursday 21st October.

Children return to school on Monday 1st November.

School is closed on Friday 26th November.

Christmas holiday begins on Friday 17th December.

Don't forget to visit our website for more information: <https://etking.npeat.org.uk/>

