



Autumn 2021 2nd Half Term – Year 4

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term! We hope you had an enjoyable but restful break, and feel ready for the inevitably busy term ahead. The children are now settled into their school routine, and it has been lovely to see such happy smiles coming into school in the mornings. As we move into winter all children are expected to have a warm, waterproof coat with them in school every day. Please could all families collect up toilet roll tubes and small/medium sized boxes (e.g. selection box cereal boxes/normal sized cereal boxes.) We will need these for DT week at the end of November.

PE days reminder

Monday and Tuesday – Sundew and Heather

Monday and Wednesday - Bracken

English

- ★ **Writing** - the children will continue to focus on becoming technical writers looking at such skills as sentence structures, descriptive language and writing for the reader. Upon learning these skills, they will write a creative piece linked to that learning.
- ★ **Reading** - the children will be focusing on comprehension skills and deepening their understanding of a text by bringing their own views and opinions. They will also understand the structure and features of new text types and compare them to texts that they are already familiar with. We expect all children to read at home at least 4 times a week.
- ★ **Spellings** – the children should be in a good routine with their spelling walls by now, and be aware of what spellings they need to learn to continue to colour their wall!

Maths

- ★ **Multiplication and Division** - Our main focus during this half term will be Number Operations, in particular Multiplication and Division. The children have already looked at addition and subtraction techniques, and can certainly use their times table knowledge to help them as well.
- ★ **Times Table knowledge** – Following on from our PTC conversations it is imperative that your child continues to learn their times table facts up to their 12s. This is something that has to be regularly practised at home.

Topic Learning

- ★ In **History** and **Geography** children will continue to research both historical and geographical features of the Roman Empire and daily life in Ancient Rome.
- ★ In **Science** we are going to look at Animals, including humans.
- ★ **Computing**: The children will be learning about Programming using Scratch. In this unit they will look at coding and repetition to build skills to program.
- ★ **RE**: The children will learn about Islam this half term with a particular focus on worship and the arts.

Team Heathland reminders for this half term

- ★ Friday 19th November – teddy bears picnic
- ★ Thursday 25th November – Roman day
- ★ Monday 29th November – DT week
- ★ Monday 13th December – KS2 Christmas carolling
 - ★ Wednesday 15th December - Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day
 - ★ Thursday 16th December – Christmas party day