



Autumn 2023 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 busy term ahead. The children have settled into their new classes really well and have taken the new challenges of Key Stage 2 in their stride! The children thoroughly enjoyed last term's Art Week and are looking forward to Design technology Week next week. We are collecting small cardboard boxes such as mini cereal boxes, cup-a-soup boxes or coffee sachet boxes for the children's design projects. A gentle reminder that we ask for a £5 donation from each child each term to help to cover some of the costs associated with the creative projects that the children enjoy across the year. Payments can be made on School Gateway.

We are welcoming Mr Luft to our team, who has started as Sundew's class teacher this term.

As we move into winter all children are expected to have a warm, waterproof coat with them in school every day and a labelled Hilltop water bottle.

PE days this half term Monday and Tuesday – Bracken and Sundew Tuesday and Thursday – Heather

English

- ★ **Writing** – the children will spend this half term focussing on writing creative, well structures sentences based on our class read *The Boy with the Bronze Axe*. They will complete various creative writing tasks inspired by this book, starting with using adjectives and adverbs to describe a setting.
- ★ **Reading**- our home reading aim is for children to be heard reading at least four times a week, if they do this across ten weeks they will earn their bronze reading badge. Our class reading text will continue to be *The Boy with the Bronze Axe* by Kathleen Fidler.
- ★ **Spellings** – please continue to support your child with their five weekly spellings in their blue spelling books.

Maths

Negative Numbers and Decimals

Year 4 children will be introduced to negative numbers this half term using number line representations. They will explore real life situations in which negative numbers are used. Later this term we will revisit place value and introduce decimal fractions.

Addition and Subtraction

Children will apply their knowledge of place value including decimals to solve solving calculations involving money. This will also provide an opportunity to revisit column addition / subtraction strategies.

Home learning expectations

Children should continue to practise playing on TTRockstars at least twice a week – this is replacing *MyMaths* as their set homework.

Foundation Subject focus areas

★ Geography and History:

Stone Age Britain into Iron Age Britain, introducing the Iceni Tribe and Boudicca

★ Computing:

Programming

★ RE:

Islam: Mosques and Islamic Art

★ PE:

Gymnastics

★ PSHE:

Attitudes and perspectives

★ DT Week focus:

Wheels and Axels

★ Science:

States of Matter

★ Music:

Rock and Roll (walking base lines)

★ French:

Describing using colours, sizes and shapes

Foundation Subject *big questions* can be found on the school website.

Team Heathland reminders for this half term

- ★ Tuesday 14th November – Monday 20th November – Book fair
- ★ Monday 6th November – DT week
- ★ Thursday 30th November and Friday 1st December – Elfridges
- ★ Friday 8th December – Christmas Fair
- ★ Monday 11th December – Christmas lunch & KS2 Carols by Candlelight in the evening
- ★ Tuesday 12th December – Christmas panto
- ★ Wednesday 13th December – Christmas parties
- ★ Friday 15th December – Last day of term with a 1pm pick up

Many thanks for your support

Miss Reith, Miss Wells and Mr Luft