

# YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN TERM 2017

Welcome to Year 4! We are really looking forward to teaching the children this term and have lots of exciting ideas that we are sure they will enjoy. We hope that you can share in your children's learning and will support them with their homework, spelling and reading every night. The Year 4 children are settling in well into their new classes with Mr Hetherington in Gold Class and Miss Parkins in Silver Class. This year, the children will be building upon their knowledge and skills that they have learnt previously and will move forward in their learning.

### Reading

Please continue to read with your child everyday. You do not need to read the whole book a couple a pages is sometimes enough. Remember to ask your child about what they have read, what they like about the story and what they think would happen next. Please sign your child's reading book when they read to you.

### PE

PE takes place on a Monday and Tuesday.

The PE kit should be :

White t-shirt

Black shorts

Dark tracksuit (when cold)

Plimsolls

Trainers

**ALL P.E. KIT SHOULD BE NAMED**

Hair needs to be tied up and jewellery removed or covered with tape.

If your child is not able to participate in a PE lesson, please could you ensure that they bring a letter signed by a parent providing a reason why.

### Music

In Year 4, the children have the opportunity to learn to play the tenor horn or the cello as part of our music wider opportunity.

Silver Class will be learning the tenor horn on Thursday with Mr Bonser, along with their class teacher. Mr Bonser is an experience music teacher with a wealth of musical knowledge and skills. Tenor horns are provided through the school.

Gold Class will be learning the cello on Friday. The school provides the various string instruments that the children will use.

There is no cost as it is funded by the school.

**Although we do not encourage mobile phones at school, if it is a necessity for a child to bring a phone for emergencies, then it needs to be named and dropped off in the office in the morning and picked up at the end of the day.**

## Seeing your Teacher

If you need to see your child's teacher, please make an appointment in the office. Teachers are usually available for a few minutes after school.

## On Time

It is important that children attend school everyday and are on time.

Children arriving late find it difficult to settle and can miss out on vital parts of the lesson. This can sometimes lead to a disrupted day all round for some of the children.

## Homework

Children will have a piece of homework every Friday. This should be returned by the following Wednesday. Homework is an extension or reinforcement of the work children do in the classroom and we would be pleased if you could help your child with their homework. Spellings will be sent home every Friday. Although we will be learning the spellings in class, please support your child at home by helping them to practise these.

Mathletics : Even though budgets are tight, we here at Longmeadow have subscribed to use Mathletics again this year as we know this is a valuable resource to help the children practise their maths skills in a fun yet challenging way. You will find their user name and password in their reading diary. Any problems with this, please send a note into school so we can help solve the problem. We would like children to access Mathletics when they are at home. Just 10 minutes a day will improve their Maths skills.

## Curriculum

This term we will be covering a number of different curriculum areas.

- Maths - Mental calculation, number, shape & space and data handling.
- Literacy - Non-fiction writing, fictional writing, Poetry, persuasive text.  
All topics we are covering are linked into our writing.
- Science - Sound and changing sounds. Living things and their habitats.
- Geography - South America.
- History - There will be no History this term as we will be learning about the Egyptians next term.
- RE - Covering a range of Religions and festivals, following the Herts Scheme of Work.
- Computing - Bringing images to life (animation).
- PSHE - New Beginnings and getting on and falling out.
- Music - Tenor horn and cello.
- Art - Printing and shading with charcoal.
- D.T - Festival masks.
- French - Body parts, colours and basic language description.
- PE - Games
  - Tag Rugby
  - gymnastics