



Parent Class Letter: JC4

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and the children have enjoyed the first few days back in school. This letter is full of useful dates and information about the learning activities that your child will be experiencing over the winter term, between now and Christmas. If you ever have any worries or questions, please let me know in person at the end of the day on the KS2 playground, or contact the office.

Mrs Caselin ☺

History:

What was important to Ancient Egyptians? We will explore daily life in Ancient Egypt and learn about the tomb and discovery of Tutankhamun.

Geography:

How do rivers change our landscape? After learning about why the Nile was so important to Egyptians in our History unit, we will learn about how rivers shape the landscape around the world.

Science:

How do we classify living things? We will learn about life processes, and how we can group and classify living things in different ways.

What do animals eat? We will learn about food chains and how food is digested in our bodies.

Art: We will be learning about storytelling through drawing using a range of media.

Design and Technology: We will link closely to our learning in Geography and English and creating a moving picture of the Water Cycle.

French: We will be focusing on greetings, numbers 1-30, colours, days of the week and months of year and words to talk about family. We will use some of the vocabulary from these to write sentences.

Music: We will be learning about pitch, dynamics, tempo and rhythm through our Mama Mia Charanga unit. We will also be learning a set of songs, ready for a performance in Gloucester cathedral in November (more information to follow soon).

Computing: We will be learning about computer systems, and how the internet works.

Maths

This term we will be covering:

Place value: Numbers up to 10000 – ordering, comparing, partitioning and problem solving.

Roman numerals.

Counting in 25s

Rounding

Negative numbers

Addition: 4-digit column addition.

Subtraction: 4-digit column subtraction.

In our fluency lessons we will be focusing on:

Times tables. At the end of Year 4 children take a Statutory Times Tables test. The expectation is that they will be able to recall all their times tables from the 2x to the 12x

We will be chanting, learning through songs and games, with a weekly times table test on Fridays.

How parents can help this term:

- Times tables
- Reading numbers to 1000
- Number bonds within 10, 20 and 100.

The easier your child finds these skills, the easier the maths work will be for them.

English

Reading for Pleasure texts are:

Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll

Asha and the Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan

In our **English Lessons** we will explore a range of fiction and non-fiction styles of writing using the following books to support our learning:

Secrets of the Sun King by Emma Carroll

Gut Garden by Katy Brosnan

The Rhythm of the Rain by Grahame Baker-Smith

Once upon a raindrop by James Carter

Poetry: Caribbean Poetry from 'Under the moon and over the Sea' and 'What reminds you of Christmas?' by Ernestine Northover.

In **Spelling** we will cover a range of spelling rules and children will be given a weekly spelling list to take home and practice.

PE

Our PE lessons are on a Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Monkhouse and a Friday afternoon with Mrs Caselin. We will be covering fitness, football, hockey and handball skills.

Children need to have their PE kits in school all term, for clubs and other timetabled events.



PE kit reminders:

Outdoor – plain black or navy tracksuit/joggers or shorts, plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy jumper or hoody, and trainers.

For as long as the weather is good, PE will take place outside. So, please make sure your child has a hat and water bottle in school for all PE days while it is still warm.

Homework

Spellings

Spellings will continue to be set weekly and will be sent home every **Monday**. Spellings will be linked to our learning, and will be introduced in class on Monday. Spellings tests will be every **Friday**. Please practice the spellings in a way that suits your child.

Reading

Your child will be sent home with **2-3 reading books every Monday**. These are their books for the week, reading folders need to come into school every day. Folders will be collected in on a **Friday** for books to be changed ready for Monday. Books will only be changed in between in special circumstances, so please make sure the folder is in school **every Friday**.

Times tables

Times tables will be set for your child to learn. All children will start with the 2 x table, and will progress as they achieve 3 full marks in a row in their Friday tests. Activities will be set to support this learning, but please help your child by chanting the times tables with them.

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We will be thinking about the following areas this term:
Hindus belief in God
Incarnation/God: What is the Trinity?

Diary Dates

Parent workshop Q&A Y3, Y4, Y5 – 20.09.23

Pebble worship at St James' Church –
22.09.23

PTFA party in the park – 22.09.23

PTFA disco – 20.10.23

PTFA bonfire night – 04.11.23

“Grand Opening” of play equipment –
24.11.23

Non-uniform day – 01.12.23

PTFA chocolate bingo – 08.12.23

Parental Help

If you think you have any skills or knowledge that link to what we are covering this term, please get into contact with the office. It is always lovely to have parents or relatives involved in what we are learning. Volunteer readers are also welcome.

If you are able to offer any time or any help please contact Mrs Turner in the office.

Medicines and Allergies

If your child has a prescribed medicine (such as an inhaler or Epi-pen), please ensure that we have one in school. This must be clearly named, and it is the parents' responsibility to ensure that the medication is in date. In order for children to take any medication, parents must fill in a permission form from the office. Children will not be allowed to take medicine unsupervised under any circumstances.