



Year Four Newsletter – Autumn Term

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Summer break and we would like to welcome to an exciting year of learning in Year Four!

Diary Dates for this half term

- Monday 2, 3 4th September – INSET Day
- Friday 6th September – Walk to Sutton Reservoir
- Wednesday 11th September – RNLI visit
- Friday 20th September – School photos
- Wednesday 20th November - Flu vaccinations
- Friday 5th December – Panto trip
- Wednesday 11th December – Enquiry showcase
- Friday 20th December – Last day
- Monday 6th January – Back to school

Times Table Rockstars

It is vital that your child keeps up with their multiplication recall as this will benefit their learning in the classroom. Not only this, but their efforts will be identified in Friday assemblies as they can receive awards for the most coins earned and the most correct answers. If your child cannot remember their logins, please contact me and I will provide the details required.

Homework

On Dojo, you have access to our home learning menus. This is a great and fun way of further supporting your child's learning at home. Don't forget to upload your work to Dojo to gain Dojo points. These can be done at any point up until the end of the term.



Enquiry

This term's enquiry is a Geography theme. Throughout our enquiry sessions this term we are going to be answering the question, "**Do we always appreciate what we have?**" Each week we will be building up our knowledge to answer our main question.

This term we will be looking at:

Week 1 – We will start our learning by taking a trip to Sutton Reservoir to collect data and identify human and physical features in our local community.

Week 2 – We will be exploring water safety with a visit from RNLI!

Week 3 – We will be using maps to locate and name different counties and cities in the UK.

Week 4 – In Geography, we will develop our skills in maps by identifying human and physical features in Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands.

Week 5 – We will name and locate rivers in the UK and explore how a river moves.

Week 6 – In Science, we will be exploring different habitats and how the environment can impact living things.

Week 7 – This week, we will explore the importance of a river and how the water cycle can be affected.

Week 8 – In Art, we will be looking at movement using lines, and we will start to develop a piece of art using pictures we took at Sutton Reservoir.

Week 9 – To develop our art, we will use watercolour in the style of an artist.

Week 10 – In Music, we will understand the use of pitch in music and use this to play an instrument.

Week 11 – We will develop our music skills by playing a piece of music from memory!

Week 12 – We will create our final piece of learning by creating a podcast!

PE



Monday – Swimming
Friday – PE

Children should bring their swimming bags on Monday and remove earrings.

On Fridays, children come to school in PE kit with earrings removed. This term we are taking part in swimming and Outdoor Adventurous Activities.



Reading

It is essential that pupils are encouraged to read at home to develop their fluency, vocabulary and it will open many more doors to their learning.

Please remember to write in their reading diaries each time you read together, as each time they read three or more times a week, they get a raffle ticket, which then enters them into a weekly prize draw to win a range of prizes!

Please ensure your child has their name in all their belongings to prevent them being lost.