

Year Four Newsletter

We are back in school and have a wonderfully exciting year ahead! The whole academy is aiming to make full use of our new iPads, and the children have been exploring a number of new apps to support their learning.

During this term, we are going to be reading and writing around a number of Roald Dahl novels - The Witches, The BFG, and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We all know how enjoyable these stories are, and the children will love studying them in greater depth. In maths we will be revising place value and securing our understanding of number, before beginning work with adding and subtracting.

Science will explore teeth and our digestive system, with some fun demonstrations on the way! The theme of this term is "Who am I? Who am I becoming?" and will include a study of the local area in history and geography as well as thoughtful consideration of Oasis' Nine Habits and how we can be our best selves.

Dates for the diary:

Thursday 21st October -

Last day of term and half term begins

Friday 22nd October - INSET day

Monday 1st November -

Term 2 Begins

Reminders:

- PE will take place on a Monday, and it is policy that children will be outside in all weathers except for torrential rain. Please make sure that in addition to their PE kit, they bring a coat on these days in case of light rain.
- As we are now using the iPads for every single lesson for the children to submit work, it is more vital than ever for children to bring in a **fully charged iPad every day**.
- Even though your child is now older, it remains incredibly important to read with them every day. This could involve reading to them, sharing reading or having them read to you. 15 minutes a day has a noticeable impact on a child's vocabulary, which is one of the biggest indicators of success in later life.
- At the end of Year 4 every child is expected to know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12 fluently and be able to recall any of these answers in less than 6 seconds. In addition, being confident with these will make all of the maths work your child will be required to do later in the year (multiplying, dividing, fractions) much easier for them. Practising times tables with your child will make their life a lot easier as the year goes on.

Parent Volunteers:

Now that COVID restrictions are being lifted, we are hoping to go on some fun educational trips and visits throughout the year. If you would like to help on any of these days, please let Daniel or Heather in the office know.