

China: New and Old

WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER TERM IN YEAR 4! I HOPE YOU'RE READY FOR AN EXPLOSIVE NEW TERM.

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter holiday and are feeling ready and refreshed for our final term in Year 4! This term we are beginning a new adventure! We are heading further across the world to experience a new form of magic and adventure. Our books for this term will teach us about life in China. Our main reading book, *The Firework Maker's Daughter*, is about the adventures of a young girl who aspires to walk in her father's footsteps (but that's all the insight I'm giving you, we will have to read it to find out more!). I can't wait to delve into all of these fantastic books with you.



Please take a look at the rest of our Newsletter which provides key information about our rhythms and routines in Year 4. Although much of the information is just a reminder, there are a few key changes – days for PE and our upcoming Multiplication Tables Check.

Our Year 4 Team

Miss Holland will support teaching and learning in Year 4 this term. She will work with us from Monday to Thursday each morning. Mrs Pointon will also be supporting our learning in Year 4 on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Finally, Mrs Jenkins and Miss Holland will support Year 4 on a Thursday afternoon.

PE

This year, our PE lessons will take place on a Thursday afternoon and you will be taught by Mrs Jenkins. This term you will be learning to develop your Badminton and Rounders skills. We will also have our Sportscape lessons this term which will take place on a Wednesday. Please ensure you have your kit each week consisting of a white or your house colour top, dark trousers or shorts and white or black trainers. We will also be continuing with the Daily Mile so please ensure you have trainers in school to change in to.

Homework

In Year 4, homework will be set each Friday. I encourage you to complete all your homework fully and on time. I use homework to consolidate your learning and to enable you to prepare for a new week. Homework will be checked and re-visited each week. **Spag online** homework will be set every Friday with at least one task to be completed. If you are unable to complete these tasks at home, or if you need support, please let me know and I will arrange for you to complete them in school. **Regular reading** at home and **times tables practice** will also be included in your weekly homework - TT Rockstars continues to be a successful way to practice your times tables.

Class Email

I know that most of you are already aware of this, but just a reminder that you get email me on our class email address if you need me. My email address is year4@wybunburydelves.co.uk

Reading

Regular reading out loud at home will continue to be included in your weekly homework. Please could you record each read by filling in each box in your reading diary. Remember to fill in the comment box as I like to read about your thoughts on your book. Our two-week rolling programme will be in place. This means that you will read with an adult each fortnight in Year 4. We also have Sue who comes in to the class to read with us once a week.

Year 4 Times Table Check

Throughout the Autumn and Spring Term, Year 4 have been taking part in Times Table tests and activities. The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a key stage 2 assessment to be taken by pupils at the end of year 4 (in June). The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. As a school, we are continuing to support the learning of Times Tables. We also ask that you do the same at home. Please continue your support your child to learn their Times Tables and access TimesTable Rockstars as much as possible.

I am very excited to get stuck into another exciting term with you and learn all about this new book together. I cannot believe we only have one term left of Year 4 and we are going to make sure that we make the most of it and have many fantastic learning opportunities.

Let the adventure begin!

Miss Welch