

# Spring Newsletter

Raven Class – Mr Claridge and Ms Sigauke.

Welcome to Raven Class! It's lovely to be back after Christmas and see you all again. We hope you had a lovely holiday and are ready to take on the challenges of the spring term. This term our wider curriculum focus remains Science, History, Geography, Computing, DT and Art. Our Discovery topics are **Teeth, Digestion and Food Chains, Vikings and The Water Cycle**. In these topics, we will be exploring the motivations and battles of the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons in the fight for the kingdom of England. We will also explore the digestive system and how water is recycled through the atmosphere and precipitation.

## PE Schedule & Equipment

PE remains on a **Monday** and **Friday**. Pupils will return to getting changed at school. Please don't send them to school wearing kit. Correct PE kit includes shorts, t-shirts jogging bottoms, a jumper and trainers. Make sure you wrap up warm for any outdoor activities. Hair should be tied up and jewellery removed. Our focus this term will be **Fitness** and **Football**. If your child is unable to participate in a session, we will require a written note.

## Multiplication Tables Check

As the deadline approaches, please ensure you are practising times tables wherever and whenever you can! Children should be revising times tables every day. This will massively help them for the rest of Year 4 and throughout Year 5/6.

### Useful Resources

[timestables.co.uk](http://timestables.co.uk)



[Hit The Button](#)

[mathsbot.com](http://mathsbot.com)

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## Home/School communication/home learning

Year 4 children should read every day. Reading a range of genres with fluency and confidence is not only a National Curriculum Objective, but an essential life skill; one that is vital for learning across all subjects and future education. Please **encourage** your children to read at least **3 x per week**, ideally every day. **Ask** them questions about what they've read, **discuss** unfamiliar words and how the language impacts the reader.

### Reap the rewards of Reading!

Reading logs will be checked every **Thursday**. We will be looking for **at least 3 signed reads per week**. Children that reach certain milestones, show the most improvement or consistency will receive the Champion Reader Award and be displayed in class for all to see!

### Raven Class Homework

In addition to reading, all children will be given spellings and times tables to practise each week. Spellings and times tables will be given out on a Monday with children being tested the following Monday. In addition, if you take an iPad home you can use it to practise Letterjoin, TT Rockstars and Bug Club. There will also be a takeaway menu full of interesting tasks related to our topics. We will require one of these completed each week either on paper or using the iPad.

## Helping your child at home

When reading with your child, please ask questions about the book. This will really help to develop their reading comprehension. Ideas for questions can be found in the middle of the Reading Record. Comments written in the Reading Record could be answers to questions, opinions or recommendations. If you like the book, please say **why!** Please don't just write that you have read the book.

Spellings can be learned through the Look, Cover, Write, Check method on the sheets provided or digitally on the iPads.

### iPad project

We are so happy with the way the iPad project is going so far. Children have responded very well to this amazing resource. Please continue to bring them in fully charged every day and plugged in overnight on Fridays for updating.

### Correct School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform each day, including black shoes. As the weather is changeable this term, please ensure your child has a coat every day.

