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**Year 4 Class Newsletter Spring 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are refreshed and raring to go. I am really excited about being back with the children and completing lots of fun learning together.

**CURRICULUM**

Our curriculum this year continues to be very strong as we follow the varied CUSP (Curriculum for Unity Schools Partnership) Curriculum which has been created by our trust, Unity Schools Partnership. We are so pleased with our dedicated daily Reading and Writing lessons and look forward to reading Young Gifted and Black by Jamia Wilson and Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame this term. Our Writing focuses on Peresuasive writing (adverts), Poems that explore form, Critical analysis of poetry, Explanatory texts, and Stories from other cultures.

Our CUSP Foundation Curriculum is full of exciting and progressive topics which we are all enjoying teaching and the topics we are looking forward to learning this term include:



SCIENCE – Animals, Including Humans

HISTORY – The Vikings

GEOGRAPHY – Latitude and Longitude and the Water Cycle



ART – Printmaking and Textiles

DT – Textiles and Structures

COMPUTING – Investigating weather and Website Design

PSHE – Health and Well-being

**THE YEAR 4 TEAM**

We are very lucky in school to have such a skilful level of support from our great team of Teaching Assistants. Mrs Spalding continues to be a fantastic asset to Year 4 this year. She shares her time between year 4 and Year 2. She also undertakes many of our interevention groups, supporting children to further their learning. Mrs Davage who is a valid member of our team is working with us on a Monday.

**PE**

As we know, the class will need to come into school in their school PE Kit on Monday and Fridays for their PE lessons. Please ensure hair is tided back and any earings are removed. The first half term Mr Duers will take the class for one session a week.

**French**

The class are also having great weekly French lessons with Madame Buckley every Tuesday. It is lovely to hear them as they learn their French words!

**HOMEWORK**

As you know, we encourage the children to read at home at least 3 times a week as well as practising their times tables (the crucial part of mathematical understanding) using Times Tables Rock Stars and other means, and, of course, frequently accessing their Sumdog account. Times tables in year 4 is a particular focus as in the Summer term the children undertake their National Times Table Assessment. Thank you for your support with our spelling homework, this will continue weekly.

If you have any query or concern, please contact me via the school office



Kind regards,

Mrs February Parsons

 and the year 4 team!