



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn Term 1 (2024 – 2025)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and welcome back to school! I am really looking forward to teaching this class again after having them in Year 1 and Natasha, Angella Lindo and I am sure that the children will enjoy settling back into school life and adjust well back into their new routines. Our first topic will be 'What made the kingdom of Benin so successful?'. Please see the attached curriculum map for more detailed information about what the children will be learning this term. I (Steven Heming) will be the main class teacher. The children are very lucky to also have a great team working with me this year including Natasha Harriott (Teaching assistant) and Angella Lindo (Learning Mentor). The tutors from the In Harmony music team and coach Shaj from Moving matters will cover the class every Thursday afternoon to focus on music lessons and PE sessions.

Reading

In Year 4, children will be heard reading at least two times a week; once with a teacher as part of their guided reading session and then again with a teaching assistant. Please try to hear your child read on a daily basis and use their reading journals as a place to record their responses to the stories that they read to you or their thoughts on stories that you read to them. This can be a short 20 minute session but it will make a huge impact on their progress in reading and writing. Every Friday the children will be encouraged to change their reading books and take a new reading book home if they have finished the text that they are currently reading. Please also make sure that the children come to school with their **reading journal** daily as they will also need to use them during the course of the school day.



P.E

P.E lessons will take place twice a week. Every **Wednesday** afternoon we will have a professional tennis coach (Coach Chris) leading the PE session and every **Thursday** afternoon we will have specialist PE coaching from coach Shaj delivering high intensity PE sessions from Moving Matters. Please ensure your child has a full P.E kit (including plimsolls or trainers) in school on both days. PE will mostly take place outdoors this term so please ensure that the children have the appropriate kit in school as the weather is unpredictable.



School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Earrings should be kept to small studs only. Please make sure that **ALL** school clothes and items of PE kit are clearly labelled to minimise loss. Don't forget to have a look in the Junior lost property box if anything does go missing. If your child wears shoes that require them to tie laces, please help them to learn how to tie them up at home as they regularly become loose during the course of the school day and it can be a challenge to tie up multiple pairs of shoes throughout the day!

Home Learning

Every week the children will be given **spelling rules and patterns** to practise at home. Every Friday they will complete a dictation challenge to check how confident they are with the spelling pattern of the week. They will also have a weekly **multiplication challenge** to complete. Every Friday they will also complete a multiplication speed challenge to check how confident they are with the times tables that they have been practising at home. The children will be given a **topic-based project** to complete around the theme of 'What made the kingdom of Benin so successful?'. This homework project gives the children a chance to practise and perfect skills that they are learning in the classroom and to further explore their class topic independently. Please encourage and support your children when completing their project. The Topmarks website is also a great way for them to practise and perfect the maths skills that they are learning in the classroom with a particular focus on learning all of their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of the year.



Class Twitter/X account

Our class Twitter / X account is a great way to keep up to date about all of the exciting learning that takes place during the school day. Please follow [@mr_heming](#) to keep up to date with all of the latest information. You can also follow [@ReayPrimary](#) and [@FriendsofReay](#) for regular information on the events and learning taking place across the whole school community. Even if you don't have a personal Twitter account you will still be able to access the Twitter accounts by typing in [@mr_heming](#), [@ReayPrimary](#) or [@FriendsofReay](#) into an internet search engine.



Year 4 Parent/Carers coffee morning

The parent/carers coffee morning will be on **Monday 16th September 2024 at 8.45am** in the Key Stage 2 Junior Hall. This gives you the opportunity to meet me, find out about what the children will be expected to learn by the end of the year, get some information about the Year 4 Multiplication check and ask any questions that you may have. Afterwards, there will also be a chance to have a cup of tea or coffee with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. If you are unable to attend at this time and you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me and a suitable appointment can be made for another time. Throughout the year, you are also very welcome to arrange a meeting in person, via email or over the phone if needed.

Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd September 2024 – INSET Day (School closed)
Tuesday 3rd September 2024 – INSET Day (School closed)
Wednesday 4th September 2024 – Start of Term 1
Monday 16th September 2024 - Year 4 Parent/Carer coffee morning
Friday 11th October 2024 – School Book Fair opens
Wednesday 23rd October 2024 - Parent/Carer meetings with the Teacher
Thursday 24th October 2024 – Last day of Term 1
Friday 25th October 2024 – INSET Day (School closed)



Kind regards,
Steven Heming, Natasha Harriott and Angella Lindo