



Class 4 Spring Newsletter – Mr Hathaway and Mr Holland

Welcome back to the new school term. We hope that you've had a lovely Christmas holiday and are excited about the term ahead. This is just a quick newsletter to provide you with some necessary information to help you get back into the swing of things.

Staffing

Mr Holland is the class teacher on Monday. Mr Hathaway is the class teacher on Tuesday to Friday. Mr Holland is the class teaching assistant on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Topic

This half term's topic is Ancient Greece. The topic web outlines the different areas we will be studying linked to this theme.

PE

PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. On Tuesday afternoons we will be swimming at Brio Leisure Centre. Please make sure your child has a full swimming kit in school on Tuesdays and a full PE kit in school on Thursdays, with hair tied up and earrings removed or else covered with plasters brought in from home.

Spelling Homework

All children will receive weekly spellings. Mr Hathaway will deliver spelling lessons three times a week which will teach each spelling group the pattern and words for the coming

week. The children will be given opportunity to practise these during guided reading sessions through handwriting activities. Children will be tested on their spelling list on the following Monday. Spelling lists can be found on our class page of the school website.

Maths Homework

This will be set using our new Homework Journals which align with what is being taught in school. We will tell the children which sections to complete on a Tuesday and ask for these to be brought in so we can check them on the following Monday.

Reading Homework

All children are expected to read for 20 minutes as often as possible as part of their homework. We use the expression 'Strive for 5', which means we hope that all children will strive to read at least 5 times over a week. Please ensure your child has a reading book in school each day. Also, please encourage and support your child with filling in their reading records so we are able to keep track of their reading and make recommendations where appropriate.

A few reminders... Children are not to bring any toys into school unless requested to. The children get very thirsty throughout the day so need to have a water bottle which they can access at all times.