



# Year Four News

November 2023

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## 'What Choices Make Me The Best I Can Be?'

This term Year 4's learning is intertwined to answer the 'Enquiry Question' above and we are sure that all the children will show this successfully in our Christmas Production – Bah Humbug! (Don't forget to get your tickets early!)

### Mayhill Habit

Each half term has a different Mayhill Habit which the children will enquire into, develop a deeper understanding of and be able to explain how they are able to apply this habit into their own learning and life. This half-term's habit of focus is **CRITICAL THINKING**.

### English

Our text this half term is 'The fastest boy in the world' by Elizabeth Laird, which follows the journey of Solomon and his family as he strives to achieve his running dreams! The children will be creating a news report all about Solomon and his running achievements. The children will present this verbally and we hope to upload some of these videos to the website blog to showcase the magnificent writing and performance skills ahead of our production. Alongside this, we will use the same familiar text to write a diary entry as the character of Solomon.

### Maths

Moving on from adding and subtracting four-digit numbers, children will use their knowledge to solve addition and subtraction two-step problems in contexts and will practise choosing the correct number operations and methods. We will look at using the inverse operation to check answers and make links between rounding and estimating. We will move on to learning different methods for multiplication and the meaning of terms such as factors and multiples. A focus will also be placed on beginning to know the inverse relationships for times tables facts.

Please can you support your child by encouraging them to log on to **Times Tables Rock Stars** for regular times tables practice. There is a whole school TTRS competition coming up in week commencing the 13<sup>th</sup> November.

**INDEPENDENCE**  
**COMMUNICATION**

**CRITICAL THINKING**  
**RESILIENCE**

**COLLABORATION**  
**RESPECT**

## Science and DT

This half term our scientific focus will be on electricity. We will look at different sources of electricity and which sources are needed for electronic devices to work. This will be a very practical topic with lots of circuit making and investigating conductive materials, while exploring different sources of electricity.



## PE/Games

Children have two PE sessions each week, with each session lasting an hour – including changing time. It is really important that children have their kit in school on these days. As the weather is now getting wetter and cooler please ensure that your child has black or navy blue tracksuit bottoms in their kit and a **non-hooded** sweatshirt (not their school jumper).

- **Activity 1: Tuesday afternoon – Fundamentals**  
a focus on agility, balance and co-ordination
- **Activity 2: Wednesday afternoon – Dodgeball**



## Homework

Each week your child will have Reading, Times Tables (TTRS) and Spellings to complete at home. Alongside these tasks, each Wednesday a Maths or English activity will be set which is due in the following Monday.

We are all very much looking forward to an exciting half-term. If you have any questions or comments about your child's learning, do send a note in or come speak to us, at the end of the school day, on the playground.

Kind regards,

The Year Four Teachers

*Mrs Lavers, Miss Scholes and Miss Collis*

### Dates for the diary:

#### *November*

10<sup>th</sup> History Day (Dress up is encouraged)

14<sup>th</sup> Be Safe, Be Seen – Led by RAF Odiham

16<sup>th</sup> History Day exhibition to parents and carers (3:30pm – 4:00pm)

#### *December*

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Lower school Christmas Production

7<sup>th</sup>/ 8<sup>th</sup> Secrets Room

13<sup>th</sup> Rocksteady Concert 2:00pm

14<sup>th</sup> - Christmas lunch, Jumper Day and Carol service at church (No parents)

15<sup>th</sup> - End of term awards assembly 9am

#### *January*

2<sup>nd</sup> INSET

3<sup>rd</sup> Back to school