

Neptune Class

Newsletter 2018-2019



Welcome to Year 4! We hope you enjoy your time in Neptune Class.

The main adults working with you this year

Class Teacher: Mrs Aram

LSA: Miss Phillips (Monday – Thursday mornings)

1:1: Ms Bacon (am) Mrs Snow (pm)

PE: Mr Goldsmith

Things to remember

Daily: Bring in your reading bag, reading book, reading record, spellings book and named water bottle.

Monday: Bring in PE kit. PE will be on a Monday and a Thursday afternoon with Mr Goldsmith, but please have your PE kit in school all week in case it is needed at other times (please ensure that all items are named).

Friday: Take home PE kit.

Please can you also bring in an old shirt (named) to use as an Art shirt.



Homework



Homework is given out in the Homework Diaries for each half term with a different subject focus each half term. Please see your Homework Diary for more information. Homework can be given in either on the date requested near the end of the half term or weekly on a Thursday and will be returned to your child by the Friday. You are expected to read your reading book, or any other book, as often as you can (preferably every day if possible!).



Spellings



You will have a spellings book with your own spellings in. We will have five spelling lessons over two weeks, and you will have new words to learn or a spelling pattern to investigate (sometimes these will be high frequency words or topic words and sometimes they will follow a specific spelling pattern that we are focusing on in our spelling lessons). These will be assessed or form part of a discussion in class on Mondays. We will be practising these in class but you also need to practise as much as possible at home

(e.g. 5 minutes every day at home or while travelling to and from school). Please keep your Spellings Book in your bag so you can use it at home and at school.

Times Tables

Times tables are a very important part of the curriculum in Year 4. Children are expected to know all 12x tables by the end of the year and the inverses; for example $2 \times 4 = 8$, $8 \div 2 = 4$ or $8 \div 4 = 2$. Please practise times tables with your child every night - focus on a different table each week. It should not take too long for your child to learn them and it will really help them in several other mathematical areas.



Reading



You are encouraged to independently change your reading book on a regular basis. Reading comprehension is a big focus. When you are reading your book, make sure that you talk about what is happening, who the characters are, how they are feeling, what information the text is telling you, what type of book it is and so on. Please ensure that your reading record is signed and that you carry out the range of home learning reading activities in your homework diary. Please see your Homework Diary for more information.



Rewards, sanctions and Golden Worship



We have worked together to draw up class rules with rewards and sanctions. As before, your parents and other members of the family are very welcome to join us for our weekly whole school Golden Worship on Friday mornings at 8.35am, during which we celebrate achievements and progress in and out of school.



Topics



We will have different topics each half term. A Topic Web will be sent out at the beginning of every half term that explains what we will be learning and the subjects that will be focused on.

Information for parents: Residential

The children in Year 4 go on a Residential (staying on the Isle of Wight) for two nights. This is a great opportunity for them and the children have a really good time. More information will follow.



Attendance



At Brighstone we expect all children to have a minimum attendance of 96.5% and to start the school day punctually. This is key to ensure that you don't miss any important schooling – lessons start as soon as school starts at 8.25am! If by any chance you are late, please go to the main school office where they will be registered. Please don't knock on the classroom door as the register will have already been taken and lessons will have started. Many thanks.



Parents' Evenings



Information about parents' evenings will follow in due course.