



Year Four

Term 2
2023



Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you are all well and have all had a great break, enjoying some family time, and that you are now ready for the new term! This term is always a busy one with lots of activities planned including Remembrance as well as events in the lead up to Christmas.

We hope that everyone enjoys their learning and is ready for the new challenges that this term will present us with.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's learning or time at school, please speak to one of the adults at the end of the day.

The school theme for this term is :

'Power and Empire'

Year 4 will be focusing on the Egyptians. Children will focus particularly on changes during this period, the important role of the River Nile and how Ancient Egypt developed in terms of their power within the region.

In maths we will continue to refine methods for addition and subtraction, revisiting how to exchange in subtraction with up to 4-digit numbers. We will then start our learning about multiplication and division. In English, we will begin the term with a stand alone unit focusing on Remembrance to tie in with Remembrance Day on the 11th November. Children will look at the features of a non-chronological report as a means to explain the importance and reasons why we mark Remembrance Day each year. From week 3, our English focus book will be 'The Ice Palace' by Robert Swindells. This story follows Ivan on a quest to find his brother. The book will teach us about plot, characters and setting, character development and emotional responses to the strong themes and dilemmas within the story. We will use different text types, like descriptions of character and place and diary entries to develop our own writing.

Ravens will continue with their music lessons on a Tuesday with Mr Palling as well as Computing with Mrs Rogers, also on a Tuesday. Team Theme will continue to lead PE sessions on a Friday afternoon.

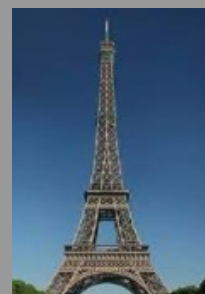
Important Dates:

End of Term 2:
Wednesday 20th
December

Start of Term 3:
Monday 8th
January 2024

MFL

Ravens will be continue to learn basic phrases in French, both spoken and in written forms.



Ravens will have PE on Fridays. Please remember to send your child into school in their PE kit. Please remove earrings as we are not allowed to tape over them or remove them.

Emotional wellbeing

It is very important that your child is happy in school. We aim to make lessons as fun as possible and have an inclusive, respectful and friendly environment.

Water Bottles

Please make sure a named water bottle comes to school each day with your child and that only water is sent in in these bottles.

Class Contract

We have all agreed upon and signed a class contract in Ravens class. We will all try hard to honor this.

- Be an amazing listener
- Be respectful of everyone and everything
- Be kind, caring and supportive
- Be courageous!
- Always try our best in everything we do

Home Learning & Reading

Home learning will continue to be set on Thursday via Family Announcements on Seesaw. Written tasks should continue to be recorded in their orange homework books and all homework needs to be completed and returned to school by Tuesday of the following week so that it can be marked by an adult.

Children will continue to can bring their AR books home each night to read. These must be brought into school daily so the children can quiz on the book they have read and change it on a set day. We only have 2 allocated AR sessions a week in class so children need to be supporting this by reading at home in order to be on track to meet their points targets.

Spellings will continue to be set on Spelling Shed and children have access to the Year 1 and 2, as well as Year 3 and 4 common exception words through this platform.

We have set up a display in our classroom to track children's involvement with Doodle Tables. All children should now have mastered their 2,5 and 10x tables on Doodle Tables, if not, please practice these over half term. We would then ask that you work on your 3,4,9 and 11x tables—these are the facts needed for the next maths badge!