

Year 4 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely summer break. We are looking forward to an exciting and busy year.

This term's main driver is 'Misty Mountains and Winding Rivers'. This geography-based unit is all about the journey of a river and how mountains are formed. Please have a look at the Class 4 page – class information – learning web for more details. Here you will be able to see our focus for each subject.

There is a new #mylearning page on the class page for you and your child to refer to throughout the autumn term. There is a minimum school requirement for home learning – this is: 5 sessions of reading, looking out for the spelling pattern, times-tables practise 5 times per week. In the #mylearning section of the class page, there are also, optional, weekly maths and English tasks for the children to complete (these can be printed out or read from a screen, with answers written on a piece of paper), these are differentiated, so should be accessible to all. In order for the children to earn team points or even a badge, children need to be working through the activities detailed on the #mylearning mat.

We continue to have a weekly spelling focus. They do not have to learn a list of spellings for a test, instead we learn how the pattern sounds and create a collection of words with that spelling pattern. In class, we will keep that spelling pattern in our minds and look out for words containing that pattern in all the things we read during the week. If you want to further support your child, on our class page you can find a spelling section, in here you can find our focus for the week and there are some resources, which you can use with your child if you wish too.

This term, PE sessions are on Thursdays (gymnastics - indoor) and Fridays (fundamentals - outdoor). Please remember, children come into school on their PE days in their PE kits. As always, if your child wears earrings, they will need to be able to remove them themselves for the PE lesson.

As some of you may be aware, there is currently a national times-tables test at the end of year 4. Each week we will have a focus times-table starting with the twos. At the beginning of the school day, we will be practising our times-table daily. We will also be continuing with the weekly times-tables tests – these are a mixture of times-tables and division facts. Children will be given their marked sheet back to bring home so that you are aware of how they are progressing (usually on Mondays). There are also times-tables resources on our class page for you to use at home.

All children will need to bring their own, labelled water bottle to school. They are stored in a tub at the back of the classroom – this is taken out at break and lunch times and can be accessed in class throughout the day. There is a water fountain that they can use to replenish their bottles, if they need to. We will do our best to remind the children to take home their bottles at the end of each school day.

If you choose to send a snack in with your child, please be aware that they will need to keep them in their trays – so please make sure the snacks are not too large.

If you have any worries, queries or even want to say hello, please catch us on the gate at the end of the day, leave message with the office on this email address: admin@bentley-st-pauls.essex.sch.uk

Mr Pennington

Best wishes
Mr Pennington and Mrs Harvey

REMINDER: Meet the teacher – Monday 14/9 – we will be looking at how to navigate our class page, expectations for Year 4, help on how to support your child in English and maths.