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## YEAR 4 – HEPWORTH - AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school for another exciting year. We hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday and are ready to embrace the new school year in Year 4.

### The Curriculum:

In addition to the core subjects of English and Maths, during the Autumn Term, Team Hepworth will be studying the Romans in History and living sustainably in Geography; the Science curriculum will see us investigate Sound and Electricity, and in Art, we will explore sculpture and create our own Roman Mosaics. In French, Team Hepworth will be introducing themselves, and they will explore Buddhism and Christianity in RE.

### P.E:

PE will be on Monday (Dance) and Thursday (Swimming). We will also continue to take part in the Daily Mile. On PE days, please ensure your child is wearing the following:

- Blue t-shirt (plain or with a Westfield logo)
- Black shorts
- Black bottoms (plain joggers or leggings)
- Blue jumper (Westfield hoodie, Westfield school jumper or cardigan)
- Trainers

There should not be any other coloured items being worn. Please also ensure that your child is not wearing any branded items with large logos on them. Thank you.

Swimming lessons will take place every Thursday from 14<sup>th</sup> September to 14<sup>th</sup> December inclusive. Please ensure that your child is at Berkhamsted Sports Centre by 8:45am and that an adult remains with them until the school staff arrive. They need to have their swim wear under their school uniform so that they can get straight in the pool and enjoy their lesson. Children benefit from having a pair of goggles and need to wear a swimming hat.

### Home Learning:

Weekly home learning will be standard across the whole school. There is an expectation that the following tasks are completed at home:

#### **DAILY Reading**

- Children should read every day at home for a minimum of 10 minutes. In most cases, this will be the child reading to an adult on a one-to-one basis. In addition to this, reading sessions could also include listening to taped stories and listening to stories read by parents/carers using a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. Electronic texts e.g. official regulated websites and eBooks can also be used.
- It is vital for all children to discuss the text with parents/carers in order to extend their understanding. Children who read regularly to an adult make more progress than those who do not.
- Reading sessions at home should be recorded in the Reading Record Books and signed by an adult.



## **WEEKLY Spellings**

The quantity of spellings to be learned at home will vary from year group to year group but will be set on a weekly basis and checked through a test each week. This will be communicated to parents at the Meet the Teacher Meetings at the beginning of each year and in the termly newsletter. Spellings will be sent home, with their books, on a Friday ready to learn and be tested on the following Thursday.

## **HALF TERMLY Number Fact Practise**

Mathematical development is dependent on children having a secure grasp of key number facts (including number bonds and multiplication/division facts). It is therefore vital that all children have a secure knowledge of these and times tables practice should, therefore, be carried out by children regularly at home (several times a week).

Each half term a 'Key Instant Recall' list will be sent home of the key facts your child should be focusing on that half term.

## **HALF TERMLY Suggested Activities**

To support learning across all subjects, each half term there will be a list of optional suggested activities that the children can complete at home. These activities will focus on supporting the learning in school that half term and will focus on hands on activities, family orientated tasks and independent learning opportunities. This learning does not need to be brought in on a weekly basis; we will have one afternoon at the end of each half term where your child can bring in items to showcase what they have done throughout the half term.

## **Equipment**

Please can you ensure that all your child's clothes are clearly named, as well as their lunch boxes and water bottles, and that your child is made aware that they are responsible for their own belongings. This will help the children to organise themselves and ensure that any missing items can be tracked down quickly.

We are always happy to address any questions or concerns you may have, so feel free to speak to us at the start/end of the day or contact us using the note system outside the classroom door or by contacting the school office.

Many thanks for your continued support. We are enjoying hearing about all the things your children have been doing over the summer and we are really looking forward to the coming weeks. We hope your child will enjoy their learning this term in Year 4.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Saunders, Miss Roe and Miss Moody

**Key Dates for your diary:**

Swimming Lessons start – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
Day of Languages – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
Tempest Photography (Individual Photos) – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September  
INSET Day – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
Class Assembly – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
Parents Evening – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church (TBC) – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Half-Term – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
Open Learning Morning – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Flu Vaccinations – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
Cool to be Kind Week – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
INSET Day – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
INSET Day – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
EYFS & KS1 Christmas Assembly – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Child Shows Parent – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
RockSteady Concert – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Carols at St Mary's Church (TBC) – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December