



Year 4 Newsletter - Autumn Term 1st half 2022

Dear families,

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with information and reminders which we hope you and child will find useful.

In our year group this term we will have the following adults;

Ascott – Miss Laugie

Osborne – Miss Bird

Waddesdon – Mrs Iyer

Blenheim – Mrs Valji

Year Leader – Mrs Fulford-Foy

Lead TA – Mrs Cleaver

TAs – Mrs Munday, Mrs Kuzmuk & Mr Richardson

Maths

Our focus is;

place value, addition and subtraction. We will also be covering a range of previously learnt topics through starters to enable children to embed these elements.

- Understand the place value of 4-digit numbers.
- Round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.
- Counting in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1,000.
- Identify, represent and estimate numbers.
- Ordering and comparing numbers beyond 1,000.
- Count backwards through zero to include negative numbers.
- Interpret negative numbers in context, count forwards and backwards with positive and negative whole numbers, including through zero.
- Add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits.
- Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers.

English

In English, this term our novel study will be 'Bill's New Frock'. The children will be creating their own character descriptions, diaries and instructions based on this book. As we move through the term, the

pupils will explore different language techniques, using the books 'Voices in the Park' by Anthony Browne and 'Window' by Jeannie Baker as their inspiration. Towards the end of this half term, the children will learn how to write an effective newspaper article and recount. In SPAG, we will be focusing on different types of conjunctions and adverbials. Within spelling sessions, the children will explore words with aw spelt augh and au and the prefixes in-, im-, iland ir-. Please help your child to practise their spellings on a weekly basis.

Reading

In SQUIRT (Super Quality Uninterrupted Independent Reading Time) we will be reading the text 'Bill's New Frock' by Anne Fine. Within these sessions we will focus on the following skills:

- Decoding and fluency when reading aloud
- Identifying the similarities and differences between books
- Understanding the main points within the text
- Creating predictions based on the information we know already

Children will have the opportunity to visit the library on **Mondays**.

Science

Our focus is 'The Human Body'. As part of this unit the children will:

- Understand the importance of nutrition and a healthy diet
- Understand the importance of vitamins and minerals
- Explore the different types of teeth in humans, animals and their functions
- Understand digestion and excretion

Primary Knowledge Curriculum

Our **Geography** topic is 'Spatial Sense'. The children will be learning to describe and understand key aspects of

human geography, including: globes (including the Equator and the Tropics), to recognise scale on a map, the

importance of grid references and to understand how our local area has changed over time.

Our **Art** topic is 'Visual Arts'. As part of this, the pupils will be taught to develop their techniques, including their

control and their use of materials. They will learn how to improve their mastery of art and design techniques,

including drawing and painting with a range of materials for example, pencil and charcoal.

French:

Our focus this term is learning to present oneself confidently.

In this unit the children will learn how to:

- Count to 20.
- Say their name and age.
- Say hello and goodbye and then ask how somebody is feeling and answer how they are feeling.
- Tell you where they live.
- Tell you their nationality and understand basic gender agreement rules.

Computing: Digital Imagery, e- safety:

- Creating an advert, storyboard it, edit it, evaluate it.
- Using devices to take pictures and video, thinking about the purpose of the image and controlling the device appropriately.

- Talk about different films and how they are directed to create different moods and effects,
- Plan (storyboard), edit, combine and still and moving images to create a short film or trailer.
- Add titles, credits and music,
- Understand how films are shared online consider the issues of appropriateness and privacy as they build their awareness of safe sharing online.

P.E.

Our focus for indoor PE will be 'Gymnastics' exploring movement and health and safety around equipment. Our focus for outdoor PE will be netball focusing on ball skills. Some classes will be swimming instead of outdoor PE.

PE will take place on the following days for each class:

Ascott – Tuesday & swimming on Wednesday

Osborne – Tuesday & swimming on Wednesday

Waddesdon – Tuesday & Thursday

Blenheim – Tuesday & Thursday

R.E.

Judaism and how special relationships are built.

PSHE

Positive behaviours and how they affect others.

Please ensure your child has their named PE kit in school with them on these days. Please ensure appropriate kit is in school for both indoor and outdoor PE, especially as the weather gets cooler.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle (containing only water) with them every day. It is important for children to stay hydrated as part of their general well-being.

Snacks

The school continues to acknowledge the importance of good nutrition as an aid to learning. Therefore, can we please remind you that any snacks for break should be healthy e.g. fruit or vegetables.

We look forward to welcoming you all back!

Yours sincerely,

Miss bird, Mrs Iyer, Mrs Valji & Miss Laugie

Year 4 Class teachers