



Year 4/5 Newsletter

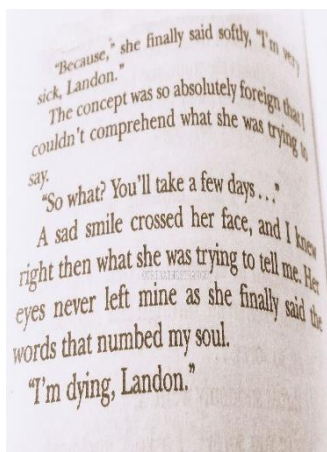
September 2022

Welcome to Year 4/5. We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and the children are well rested ready to start an exciting half-term of learning in year 4/5 classes! We have had a great start to the year and we are really pleased with the children's attitude and enthusiasm towards their new learning.

The children have started the year by learning about the amazing painter - L.S Lowry! This is a short topic that concentrates on his life and how his paintings were influenced by his surrounding environment and experiences in Britain. This will lead the children into creating their own Lowry inspired masterpiece! Following on from this, the children will move onto the Victorians topic which focuses on the difference between the poor and rich society. Children will be writing Victorian setting descriptions, diary extracts (pretending to be a child in a workhouse) and a job advert for a Victorian child worker. It is lovely to see the year group being able to work together to enhance their learning!

Victorian Experience Day

We are hoping to organise a Victorian activity experience. The date is yet to be confirmed, but more information will be sent in due course. The children will have the opportunity to experience life in a Victorian school, play with traditional games, complete Victorian crafts. *It would be lovely if your child could dress in Victorian styled clothing, but this is completely optional and under the circumstances, we understand that this might not be possible.*



Reading

In class, the children will be starting to read different types of extracts from a range of genres. We will be exploring each authors choice of vocabulary and will be developing our reading skills. We will start to study novels by **Charles Dickens**. These are great for characterisation and developing a deeper understanding of using language and vocabulary used for effect.

Homework and Reading

Homework will be sent out on a Friday and we will expect it to be returned the following Friday (if not before) each week.

As you will be aware, we have given out reading books. Please ensure your child reads at least 3 times a week and sign their reading diary. Children know to bring their book in each day to be checked and signed. We are continuing to monitor and reward children with stickers- towards buying a book from the shop.

PE and Swimming

PE for year 4/5 is on a Thursday. Please ensure that your child comes to school with the correct kit- black or navy joggers/tracksuit bottoms, a white or pale blue plain round neck t-shirt, a plain navy or black tracksuit top (without a hood), school jumper or fleece and trainers. If the weather allows it, we will try to have the children outside for PE sessions. Swimming will not start until 2023. We will send further information to you closer to the time.



We are working very hard to support children with their learning revisiting anything they may have missed! There are a wealth of home learning platforms which school continue to use and can be accessed at home. These include:

www.educationcity.com

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk> (*Bug club and Abacus maths*)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact us!

The Year 4/5 Team

Maths

At the start of this term, the children will be focusing on place value including ordering, comparing, rounding as well as counting forwards and backwards including negative numbers. We will also revisit Roman Numerals – a popular topic with the children! Children will also work on their problem solving skills to deepen their understanding on these topics.

It is very important that children have an excellent knowledge of times tables as this is the key to many year 4/5 maths concepts- e.g. fractions. Please encourage your child to learn them at home and use Times Table Rock stars!