

Year 4 Newsletter

A warm welcome back to a new term! We hope you all had a good Christmas break. Below you can see some of the subjects that the children will be studying this term, if you feel you can contribute in any way please see your child's class teacher. We welcome children bringing in items from home linked to current learning or celebrating something they have done outside of school.

- **Geography - Ghana.** *We will be looking at what the country of Ghana is like, including the climate and landscape. We will also learn what daily life is like and compare this to our own lives. We will discover how cocoa beans are turned into delicious chocolate and will have the opportunity to take part in a 'Be a cocoa farmer' workshop. We will also learn some traditional African stories and spend time with Matthew Bellwood retelling African tales.*
- **Science - Sound.** *This will include a brilliant visit from Sam 'The Sound Man'.*
- **DT - Ghanaian Food.** *We will be planning and creating our own Ghanaian-inspired dish.*
- **Art - Tinga-Tinga Art.** *We will study this vibrant and colourful art style before creating our own piece.*
- **PE - Hockey and swimming.** *We will be getting ready to compete in a hockey tournament!*
- **RE - Pillars of Islam.** *We will be studying the 5 pillars of Islam.*

Reading books

Please try and read with your child every day or at least three times a week. In class we keep a reading record and children will receive a prize and a certificate every half term for reading three times a week. Children are able to swap their home reading book in school when needed.

Water bottles

Please send your child to school with a named water bottle every day. Their bottles must only have water in them to drink during the day.

Home-school diaries

Please remember that all children should be using their home school diaries each week to record any learning they have done at home. These need to be brought into school each day as they may be used within lessons. Please record when your child has completed their reading, spellings and any other homework each week so we can celebrate this learning at school. If you can't find your diary, then a new diary can be purchased at the school office.

Homework

Spellings will be sent home every Monday to learn at home for a test in school on Friday. Please help your child to practise these everyday using the spelling sheets. Maths homework will be sent home on Mondays and will be expected to be returned completed by the following Monday. Please continue to encourage your child to access Times Table Rockstars, Bug Club and Spelling Shed.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are:

- Class 9 - Tuesday (Hockey) and Wednesday (Swimming)
- Class 10 - Monday (Hockey) and Wednesday (Swimming)

On these days, please send your child to school wearing a suitable P.E. kit. Most PE sessions will be outdoors so they will need trainers or plimsolls, jogging bottoms/loose shorts, a t-shirt and a jumper. Children should not wear crop tops or footwear that is not suitable for sporting activities e.g. flip flops. On P.E. days we ask that earrings are removed.

Wednesdays will be swimming - Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit and towel with them every week.

Many thanks,

Miss Moss and Miss Spooner