






# YEAR 4 TERMLY NEWSLETTER: AUTUMN TERM 2025

## WELCOME TO YEAR 4!

It is great to see that all the children have settled into their new class routines and are enjoying learning. We hope that your child is looking forward to a rewarding and successful year. Year 4 is full of exciting themes and trips! This term the children will be studying the following topics: Knowing Me, Knowing You, Black History, Richard III and a STEM and DT topic – Bright Sparks. Thank you for supporting your child at home with any homework, learning their times tables, spellings and reading. We would like to share with you some information about what your child will be learning this term, as well as offering you opportunities to support your child’s understanding of subjects studied (see next page).

<b>HIGH EXPECTATIONS</b>	<p>We expect a <b>high standard of behaviour from all children</b> which is monitored by all staff in the academy. The Behaviour Policy (which can be found on our website) explains the academy rules, rewards and sanctions in detail.</p> <p>Every week we have a celebration assembly where achievements are shared and certificates are awarded (including Star of the Week and House Points certificates).</p> <p>Unacceptable behaviour, both in and out of the classroom, will be dealt with firmly but fairly according to the academy’s Behaviour Policy. You will be informed of any major incidences, or if your child’s behaviour results in two or more detentions within a period of two weeks.</p>	<b>UNIFORM</b>	<p><b>Uniform is the same for Years 4-6.</b> All pupils must wear correct uniform, including acceptable footwear. A letter will be sent home with pupils who have missing or incorrect uniform.</p>  <p>Please refer to the Uniform Policy on our website for further information, including PE kit. If you require academy uniform, all items can be purchased from Uniform Direct in Leicester City Centre.</p>	<b>START OF DAY ACTIVITY (SODA)</b>	<p>For the first 15 minutes of every day there will be a focused learning activity planned by the teacher. Throughout the Autumn Term, we will be focusing on either reading or the 4 operations, including practising times tables and related division facts.</p> <p>It is also a time to get help with any areas they are struggling with and ensure they are prepared for the day.</p> <p>If your child arrives late, they will miss this vital part of the school day. Therefore, it is important that your child arrives on time (<b>by 8:45am</b>) every day.</p> 
	<b>TRIPS</b>	<p>We hope to visit Bosworth Battlefield later in the Autumn Term to support and enhance our learning and understanding of our Local History Study of Richard III. Look out for a separate letter about these visits later on this term.</p>			

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>YEAR 4 CURRICULUM</b></p> <p>During the first part of the Autumn Term, children will find out more about their class author, routes to resilience, careers and financial education in the topic 'Knowing Me, Knowing You'. They will also study teeth and our digestive system in science. Finally, they will find out about Ruby Bridges in our Black History topic.</p>  <p>Later this term, Year 4 will be studying the topic 'Bright Sparks'. Within this topic, children will be exploring electricity. They will also be researching Richard III for our local history study.</p>  <p>Please see the sheet attached to this newsletter for more information about these topics in Year 4 this term.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b></p> <p><b>Our PE day this term is on Tuesday.</b> PE is part of our academy curriculum and <b>we expect all children to wear a full PE kit to school</b> so that they can take part in their PE sessions on this day.</p> <p><b>Jewellery should not be worn on this day.</b> Earrings cannot be worn during PE sessions. Teachers and Teaching Assistants are not allowed to help children remove their earrings. If your child has recently had their ears pierced, they will have to bring micropore tape to cover their earrings until they can take them out.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>HOMEWORK</b></p> <p><b>Queensmead Quests</b> will continue to be given out once per half term. The aim is to provide a range of challenges for your child to choose from. We would be grateful if you can support and encourage them. If your child experiences any difficulties with the homework, we encourage them to come and see their class teacher for more support.</p> <p>In addition, we expect children to be <b>reading for at least 10 minutes daily</b>. It would be really beneficial if you could listen to your child read and discuss their book regularly to support their understanding.</p>
		<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>SPELLINGS &amp; TIMES TABLES</b></p> <p>Children have logins to <b>Purple Mash</b> and <b>Times Table Rock Stars / NumBots</b> where they can access a range of activities and improve their times tables skills. Please encourage your child to <b>play on Times Table Rock Stars and/or NumBots at least 3 times per week</b> (for 5-10 minutes).</p> <p>They also have weekly spellings (inside their homework book) which they are welcome to practise at home as well as at school.</p>
<p><b>If you have any problem or concern – who do you ask?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class Teachers – Mrs McConaghy &amp; Miss Bradley</li> <li>• Deputy Principals – Mrs Bentley &amp; Mrs Catlow</li> <li>• Principal – Mrs Latham</li> </ul> <p>Thank you on behalf of the Year 4 team.</p>		