

# Year 4 Newsletter

## Our School Rules

**Be safe.**



**Be kind.**



**Be responsible.**

This term we will be focusing our learning around the topic of Ancient Egypt.



We have lots of fun art and science activities to do.

We know this will be a fantastic term!

## Our learning this term

**Maths** – This term we are learning to multiply and divide two and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number. We will then move on to fractions and decimals. As always, we will continue using our skills to problem solve and develop reasoning skills.

By the end of Year 4 we aim for all children to know all their multiplication facts. Due to the importance of these skills, we would appreciate your help in supporting your child to learn their tables at home. Teachers will set regular tasks on TTRS and along with reading this will form the main home learning each week. We are continuing to learn all our times tables. Well done if you are already scoring 25/25 consistently on TTRS soundchecks.

**English** – We are concentrating on writing stories and non-fiction texts. As a Year 4 pupil, the children will be learning to use several grammar features confidently including: fronted adverbials, possessive apostrophes, writing in paragraphs and using conjunctions to form different sentence types.

**Other subjects** – History will make up a large part of our Thematic work this term. We will focus on learning about Ancient Egypt. In Geography, after half term, we will be learning about the different biomes across the world. In science, we will be learning about sound. In this unit, we will be learning about how vibrations travel to create sound, and the structure of the ear. Next half term, we will focus on Electricity. In French, children have enjoyed learning the names of fruit and vegetables. Now, we are focusing on learning phrases related to ourselves and our classrooms.

In the morning, adults will be focused on greeting children on the door and supporting them in their morning work during morning drop off. They will not be able to discuss queries at the start of the day.

If you need to speak with the class teacher in more detail, please request an appointment at the end of the day or message on Dojo.

Reading is a vital skill for learning at White Hall Academy and in later life. The best readers are those who read outside of school and talk about what they have read. Many of the Year 4 pupils are confident readers and can read independently at home. However, it is still important to ask them questions about their reading to support their understanding.

We expect children to read at least three times each week at home. Ideally, they should read every day and record each session in their reading record books, writing the pages read and short additional comments about any tricky or interesting parts of the text.

### Important dates

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
Number Day

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
Half Term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
Non-Pupil Day

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
World Book Day

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March  
Termly Learning Conference

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
Beginning of the Easter holiday

### School Expectations

#### Drinks

Children should bring a named bottle with water to school. These can be refilled during the school day. This is the best liquid to keep your child hydrated and enable them to learn effectively.

#### Snacks

Children may bring their own healthy snack for break time, preferably fruit or vegetables. Cheese sticks, yogurt and fruit cereal bars are also acceptable

#### REMINDER

White Hall Academy is a Nut-Free school, so please ensure all lunch box items and snacks are nut free. We do have pupils in our school with severe allergies.



### Uniform

Children need to wear correct uniform to school each day. Please clearly label your child's uniform.

Our uniform consists of a: White Hall Academy jumper or cardigan, Black school trousers or shorts, Grey or Black skirt, White polo top, Plain black shoes

#### P.E. Uniform

School jumper or cardigan, black or grey jogging bottoms, Black PE shorts (warm weather) Plain white T-shirt, Trainers.

*If you require any uniform items, the school has a great variety of second hand uniform in excellent condition. Please speak to Miss Watts or Mrs Eames.*

#### Year 4 PE Days

**PE for all classes is on Tuesdays and Thursdays**