Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 2

Roundthorn Primary Academy
Community of Learners

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term holiday.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with me at the beginning or end of the day.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mr. Russell

English:

This half term, we will be writing…

- A persuasive letter linked to Young Voices.
- Part of a tragedy story linked to a famous play by William Shakespeare
- An information text linked to electricity

We will also be reading different texts each week and developing our comprehension skills by answering questions about them.

Maths:

This half term, we will be learning all of our times tables as well as multiplying and dividing two digit numbers by a 1 digit number using formal written methods. After, we will be learning about fractions where we will add and subtract fractions as well as understand equivalent fractions.

We will also have weekly arithemetic lessons, where we will practice +, - , x and ÷.

We will continue to have weekly competitions using Times Table Rock stars so please encourage your children to recite their timestables and practice online.

Science:



This term, we will continue to investige electricity. We will be learning about the different components that make up a circuit as well as using switches and fixing broken circuits. We will also be learning about electrical conductors and insulators, and carrying out scientific investigations with them.

Swimming & PE:

Children in Year 4 will go swimming every Tuesday morning at 9am with Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. O'Grady, Mrs. Rahman, Miss Isherwood and Mr. Spencer. It is important that on this day, your child comes into school in their P.E. kit with their swimming kit underneath or in a bag to change into. For swimming, children can wear a one piece bathing suit or trunks (not shorts). Please also ensure your child has a towel.

P.E. will also be taught by Mr. Hatton on a Wednesday. As always, your child should wear their P.E kit to school with their school jumper/cardigan over the top. Please ensure your child wears plain black trainers.

Please also note that jewelry and earings (including studs) should not be worn on P.E. days.

Geography:



We will also continue learning about the cities and counties of the UK. As well as naming the counties and several major cities, we will also use maps to locate them. We will develop our knowledge of physical and human features by comparing them to other locations and considering if these are what attracts people to live nearby. We will finally consider how we could make our cities more eco-friendly and whether we would want to live in a city or a village.

DT:

In D.T., we will link our knowledge of science and plan, create and evaluate a junk model using an electrical circuit that makes it light, buss or move. More information on this later… as we will need your help!

PSHE:

In our PSHE work we will begin learning about stereotypes and how these can be bad for our identities. We will also learn about medicines and other household products and how these can help but also harm us so it is important to ask for a responsible adult's help. We will also learn about the laws associated with these.

R.E:

We will be learning about what festivals and thinking about the deeper meaning of these in different religions.

Computing:

This half term in computing we will focus on online-safety, cyber-bullying and creating spread-sheets.

Music:

We will be continuing to learn all of our Young Voices songs, which include a wide array of pop and rock songs. We will also be about pitch, rhythm and duration.

Homework:

With your support, we hope that:

- Children will **read** at least 3 times a week at home.
- Children will practice their **spellings** – given out each Friday ready for a quiz the following Friday.
- Children will complete a weekly **homework challenge** (either Maths or English) in their orange homework books each Friday.
- Children will access **Timestable Rockstars** frequently at home.

Uniform

It has been fantastic to see our children looking smart and ready to learn in their **red sweatshirt or cardigan, white shirt or polo shirt, black trousers, skirts or pinafores along with their sensible black shoes**. Your support with this makes a real difference and helps our children feel proud to be part of our Roundthorn community.

School Facebook

If you would like to see regular updates of our learning and to keep up to date with school life, follow our school facebook account! It contains lots of information from different agencies within our community as well as useful reminders. Scan the QR code and follow us now!