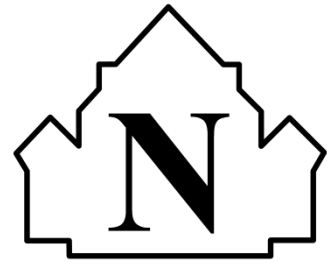


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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back and hope you had a lovely Christmas break. We are all looking forward to the term ahead and have lots of exciting things planned as well as a new, extra class teacher called Mr Parker. Mr Parker joins Year 4 for the whole of Spring term and we feel extremely lucky that he picked our class to work with!

Topic: Around the World (in 54 days)

For the whole of the Spring term, we will be learning about cultures and celebrations from around the world. Please refer to the topic overview sheet for more details about what we will be covering in each subject.

Topic help

If you have any knowledge or would like to share some of your personal travel experiences, please get in contact with Mrs Jago, Mr Parker or Mrs Varney. We appreciate any visits from parents/family members who could support our learning in this topic.

PE

Our class will have PE on **Tuesday and Thursday** afternoons. Please ensure that your child has their appropriate PE kit in school **at all times**:

- Shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms - black
- Plain white T-shirt (no large print or design please)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Socks
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside PE during colder weather
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE.

Please can all items of PE kit and school uniform be named (even if written on the label with biro).

If your child takes part in a sports club afterschool, please ensure their kit is returned to school the next day, or bring a spare kit for the club.

Daily Physical Activity

In addition to PE lessons, we are now getting pupils involved in structured daily exercise in order to boost health, self-esteem and academic performance. For a short period of approximately 10-15 minutes each afternoon, the children will be running or taking part in fitness workouts. To help make this possible, we are asking that children have **a pair of trainers and jogging-style trousers in school every day (they may already have these as part of their PE kit)**. These can be kept at school and then taken home for washing when necessary. Depending on the weather, our daily physical activity may take place inside or (hopefully!) outdoors.

We have specialist teachers that will take the children for certain sessions:

- Ms Trula (HLTA) – Spanish (Monday)
- Mr Bacon (PE, TA) – PE (Tuesday and Thursday)

Reading:

It is expected that Year 4 children engage in reading activities at home **at least 5 times per week**. They will also read to an adult in school at least once a week, which could be through individual or group reading activities. This could be with any of the adults who work or volunteer in Melbur class.

Reading records will be checked on a **Monday**. Please make sure that your child has their record in school on this day because this is the only day that they will be checked for reading points towards the reading reward scheme.

Homework:

1. Reading: at least five times a week (reading records will be checked on a Monday morning)
2. Times tables facts
3. Spellings (with handwriting sheet)

Homework will be given out on a Friday and needs to be returned by the following **Thursday** at the latest. Children will have weekly tests for their spellings and times tables. The children will know their results so that feedback is immediate and they know the areas they need to improve upon.

Rewards

This term we will continue to reward children who have followed the school rules with 'Golden Time' on a Friday. For 30 minutes on a Friday, children can have free-choice in the classroom. Pupils will not receive their golden time if they demonstrate 'red' behaviour or their name is on the amber sheet twice. In addition to this, we are encouraging teamwork and the children will receive 'marbles' for working together as a class. When they receive twenty marbles, as a whole class treat, they will receive a treat which the children vote on themselves.

Age Appropriate Gaming and Screen Time:

Many children spend a large amount of time using electronic devices and accessing computer games that are not age appropriate. As a proud Healthy Schools Award holder we would like to remind parents and carers that children are advised to spend **no more than 2 hours a day** in front of a screen (TV/ PC/ Laptop/ Tablet/ Smart phone/etc).

Open Door Policy:

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in Melbur class. Please pop in to the office to arrange a time to see us (this could be after school depending on the nature of the discussion) or to talk through any questions, queries or problems that you may have. The morning is a very busy time for us. If you have any urgent matters that need addressing, please make the office aware of this so that they can contact us to address the matter as soon as possible.

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Jago, Mr Parker and Mrs Varney

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