



Blue Jay's Newsletter

Term 4



Welcome back!

Welcome back Blue Jay Class. I hope you had a lovely and exciting Half Term and are ready for a new term.

Last term, the children led their learning in the direction to find out about how history has changed our world. We looked at the Roman civilisation and learned about how their inventions have evolved into the day-to-day utilities which we use today. We looked at Hadrian's Wall and why it was built. We also investigated the different states of matter and how they change when the temperature is changed.

We will be continuing with this inquiry question for the next coming week as we still have lots more questions to investigate.

The children had the opportunity to take part in LAT's Got Talent where they could showcase their talents and skills that we weren't necessarily aware of.

If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate in asking any of the Year 4 team. Please remember to keep checking Twitter and the website for updates and any other important information.

Times Tables

Knowing the times tables is a fundamental, required skill and therefore children should be practising these as much as possible. Later this year, Year 4 will sit the National Multiplication Tables Check. The check is intended to help teachers identify pupils who have not yet mastered this important mathematical skill so we can give them additional support. Your help and support in assisting the children in their learning and practising of these is greatly appreciated.

By the end of Year 4, the expectation is that every child can recall multiplication and division facts up to 12 X 12.

There are many fun and engaging games that help with this, for example:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

or Times Tables Rockstars

If you would like any more ideas on how to assist your child learn their tables, please see me.

PE and Swimming– IMPORTANT CHANGES

Our PE lessons are on now on **MONDAYS** and there will be swimming every **Thursday**. All children should have a PE kit in school. PE kits should be brought in on the first day of term and remain in school until the final PE lesson of the term. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly labelled on all uniform and PE kit items. If your child has their ear/s pierced, they need to be able to remove these themselves and keep them in a labelled box or envelope. If they are unable to remove their earrings, please ensure they are not wearing them on the days they have PE. For swimming, all long hair should be tied up in a bun. Children should wear their swimwear under their uniform and then bring underwear to change into. Please ensure your child brings a towel which is named.

Brainbuilders

Brainbuilders are completed weekly and are handed out on a Friday to be returned on a Wednesday.

These can normally be presented in a number of different ways, from a piece of writing, a poster or something creative.

Spellings

Spelling lists and a 'Choice of Activity Menu' will be sent home every term (stuck inside the Brainbuilder book) consisting of a different spelling pattern. Each week, pupils get to pick an activity to help them practise their spellings. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.