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Autumn 2 Newsletter

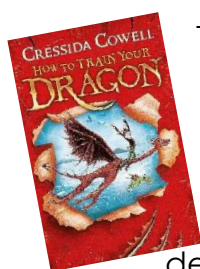
Year 4

Dear Year 4 Parents and Guardians,

Year 4 has had a fantastic start to the Autumn 2 term with lots of brilliant learning taking place across the curriculum. We wanted to write to you to fill you in on all the wonderful learning taking place across the curriculum so far and still to come in the second half of the Autumn term.



In maths, we have been deepening our knowledge of number. Children have been learning to use strategies to support their calculations to find the area of a shape. We will be moving on to methods for multiplication and division shortly and this will remain our focus for the remainder of the term. Along the way, there will be problem-solving opportunities and time for children to reason and reflect on the various strategies introduced over the term. Please see the additional information below for details on how you can help your child with maths.



This term, our literacy will be inspired by the book and film 'How to Train Your Dragon'. Over the first few weeks of this term, the children will be creating a fact file about their very own made-up dragon! The children will develop their understanding of formal language and ensure they give accurate descriptions using a wide range of vocabulary, descriptive adjectives, and noun phrases.

We will be continuing with our class novel from last term, 'The Land of Roar' by Jenny McLachlan. The children are absolutely loving this text and are already asking for the second book in the series to be the class novel for next term! In our

reading sessions, the children will study a different type of text every week. Some of the texts and topics we will be looking at this term are: 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe', 'The Demon Headmaster', non-fiction texts on habitats, mental health and a range of poetry! Each day is dedicated to a different skill or activity based on said text; these skills are vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarise/sequence.

Which leads us to science! Science this term is all about sound. Inquiry questions drive the topics and give children the crucial skills to mimic what scientists do. In the coming weeks, we will be exploring all things volumes, vibration and the way sound travels.

The wider curriculum has also provided us with some great learning experiences this term. In Design & Technology, we will be learning about the suitability of materials for clothing to be used in cold regions, such as the Arctic and Antarctic. In the coming weeks, we will be making some mittens using sewing skills and our knowledge of materials to design and construct a functional product. In Geography, we are focusing on the Polar regions and mapping the world using lines of longitude and latitude, hemispheres, meridians, tropics and the Equator.

For an overview of all subjects, please visit the 'Curriculum' page on the Halstow website: <https://www.halstow.greenwich.sch.uk/node/3>

PE Days:

Miss Cole's Class: Mondays (Swimming) and Thursdays (Outdoor PE)

Miss Holder's Class: Wednesdays (Swimming and Outdoor PE)

The children will need to be wearing trainers, warm and comfortable clothes on these days, please!

Also please ensure your child brings with them a towel and swimming costume on their swimming day.

We hope you enjoy hearing about our learning from the children at home.

All the best to you and your families,

Miss Coe and Miss Holder

Maths Additional Information:

We will roughly be following the 'White Rose' (<https://whiterosemaths.com/>) sequence of learning in maths across the year. Here is an overview of what we will cover. Please note that this is only an outline of what will be covered. Our lesson content will be closely tailored to the children in our classes.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn term	<div>Number</div> <div>Place value</div> <div>FREE TRIAL</div> <div>VIEW</div>				<div>Number</div> <div>Addition and subtraction</div> <div>VIEW</div>			<div>Measurement</div> <div>Area</div> <div>VIEW</div>	<div>Number</div> <div>Multiplication and division A</div> <div>VIEW</div>			<div>Consolidation</div>

