

# Y4 Autumn Newsletter



## Welcome

We hope you all had a fantastic summer break. We're excited to welcome your children back for their second year at Dobcroft Junior School. This term, we have an engaging lineup of topics, including exploring the Romans, crafting with clay, studying changes of state and preparing for the Y4 Christmas performance!

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to reach out to us.

Warm regards,

The Y4 Team

## Y4 Key Staff

Class	Teacher/s	Teaching assistants
Y4C	Mrs Collis	Mrs Bennett
Y4H	Mr Huckstepp	Mr Kemp Mrs Liu
Y4WL	Mrs Waggott (Mon/Tues) Mrs Lowe (Weds/Thurs/Fri)	Miss MacLeland, Miss Marsden, Mr Kemp, Mrs Burton

## Autumn Curriculum

Below is an outline of the topics Year 4 will be covering over the term. For further details, please visit our website under the 'our learning' section. **The 'Key learning' documents are great for a snapshot of the most important facts and understanding.**

Autumn 1	
<b>English</b>	Narrative - Journey
<b>Whole Class Reading</b>	Poetry The Great Food Bank Heist
<b>Maths</b>	Addition & subtraction Numbers to 10,000
<b>Science</b>	States of Matter
<b>History</b>	Romans
<b>Art</b>	Sculpture – clay
<b>Computing</b>	Communicating text and images
<b>PE</b>	Gymnastics Travel Y4WL Swimming
<b>Personal Development</b>	Keeping friendships healthy
<b>Music</b>	Graphic scores
<b>RE</b>	Inspirational people
<b>Games</b>	Multi-skills

Autumn 2	
<b>English</b>	Persuasion
<b>Whole Class Reading</b>	The Great Food Bank Heist Non-fiction
<b>Maths</b>	Multiplication, Division Area of shapes
<b>Science</b>	States of Matter
<b>Geography</b>	Europe
<b>DT</b>	Soup
<b>Computing</b>	Multimedia stories
<b>PE</b>	Gymnastics Balance Y4WL Swimming Y4H swimming from 4/12
<b>Personal Development</b>	Understanding my feelings
<b>Music</b>	Glockenspiels
<b>RE</b>	Inspirational people
<b>Games</b>	Invasion games

## Y4 Key dates (please also see our calendar on the website)

Date	Event
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4C Work showcase open morning
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4WL Work showcase open morning
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4H Work showcase open morning
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	School photos
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Roman Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents' evenings
TBC	Y4 Christmas Performance

## Home Learning

The details for the home learning each week will be published on the class story of [ClassDojo](#). Each week, children will be set a spelling task plus English or Maths work from their CPG books. Year 4 homework should take no longer than 40 minutes a week (including practising spellings). We also ask that children read at home at least three times a week.

Spellings – every half term a spelling overview will be put onto ClassDojo class story. Every week your child will have up to ten spellings to learn that follow a certain spelling rule.

## PPA

This year, the teaching team will have their planning, preparation and assessment time on alternative **Monday and Wednesday afternoons**.

During this time, your child will be taught French, Music or R.E from our PPA teachers.

Miss McCreedy – French

Mrs Dawson – Music

Miss Cooper – R.E

## P.E

Class	Day
Y4C	Tues & Thurs
Y4H	Mon & Tues
Y4WL	Mondays (Swimming) Alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays

## Christmas Production

Each year, Y4 perform a Christmas production. Nearer the time, we will be sending a letter home about the costume your child will need. Please don't feel the need to spend lots of money- items from around the house will be ideal.

## Your support and help

We love parent / carer helpers – when we need you for specific activities, we always update ClassDojo. At the moment we are looking for volunteers to help with **1:1 reading and DT/Art projects**. If you are able to commit a small amount of time, please contact your child's class teacher.