### Year 4 Spring Newsletter: First Half Term 2024

#### Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and that the children are feeling refreshed and ready for a busy and exciting term ahead.

It's hard to believe, but we are already in our second term in Class 4. This half term, our theme is 'It's Electric!', and the topic overview can be found on the following page. I'm confident the children will thoroughly enjoy exploring this topic!

We will also continue our Design and Technology (DT) project from last term, where the children will have the opportunity to make their own healthy pizzas! To cover the cost of ingredients, we kindly request a contribution of £2. Payment can be made via Parent Mail.

Our class library day will remain on Wednesdays. If your child has finished reading their library books, please ensure they have them in their book bag to return on this day.

Having now completed our swimming lessons, we will begin PE lessons twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit to school, with school shoes and trainers in a bag to be kept at school for PE sessions.

The children should bring their reading book, spelling book, and homework book in their book bag each day to facilitate easy movement between home and school. As usual, homework on Maths Shed and Spelling Shed will be assigned on Fridays and should be submitted by the following Wednesday. Every Friday, we will also complete a dictation exercise to review that week's spelling words and assess how well the children are retaining them. Please continue to practise times tables with your child at home, as we will have our weekly times tables tests on Fridays.

Please check your child's pencil case to ensure they have everything they need for the term ahead. The essentials include:

- Several good-quality pencils (a solid HB pencil, rather than a push-top or flexible pencil, as these can hinder handwriting)
- A 30cm ruler
- Colouring pencils
- Rubber, sharpener, glue sticks, and scissors
- Whiteboard pens (which we go through quickly, so any donations would be greatly appreciated!)

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2025. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email or arrange an appointment.

Best Miss Wilkhu and the Year 4 Team wishes,



#### Maths

Multiplication and Division – Factor pairs; multiplying and dividing by 10, 100; using related facts to find unknown facts, informal and formal written methods of multiplication; multiplying and dividing 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit number. Length and Perimeter – km and m, measuring perimeters of rectangles and rectilinear shapes, calculating missing shapes.

### Science

States of Matter cont. Electricity and Circuits

### ICT

Online Safety

### P.S.H.E

Healthy and Safer Lifestyles – Personal Safety

#### English

Robin Hood – Legends Recounts: Newspapers and Magazines

> It's Electric! Spring Term 1<sup>st</sup> Half

### Drama/ Music

Compose With Your Friends: How Does Music Improve Our World?

# **Physical Education**

Gymnastics Hockey

#### French

Food Months Numbers 16-31

#### Art

Digital Media - Surrealism

### Religious Education

Is A Holy Journey Necessary For Believers?

## Geography

Locality of School and Changes