Mandeville Primary School

Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter
9th September 2022

Hawks and Herons

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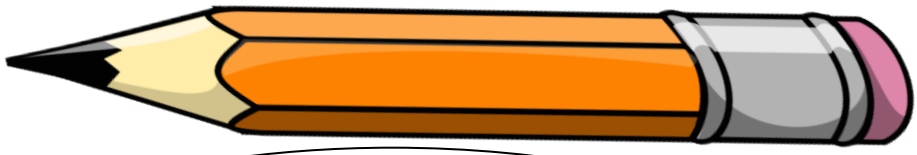
Teaching Assistants: **Mrs Calder and Miss Gochez**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you all had a great summer holiday and are ready for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead for Year 4.
The children have settled in beautifully and are already putting lots of effort into their learning.
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on:
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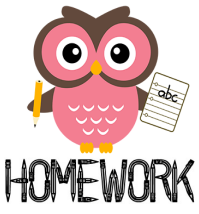
Classroom doors open 8.40 and will close at 8.50 when learning starts. It is vital that children are ready to learn at 8.50.
If you need to give a quick message, teachers are available on their class emails:

Mrs Davies herons@mandeville.herts.sch.uk Miss Barkham hawks@mandeville.herts.sch.uk
If you have anything you would like to discuss please arrange an appointment.



Weekly times tables and spelling homework will be set every Monday on Purple Mash, as a 2Do, to be handed in by Friday the same week. In addition, children will be expected to use Times tables Rockstars to practise their multiplication and division facts to 12. Times tables are crucial to children's success and confidence in maths and all children can learn them with practise. We will be practising regularly in school but any extra practise will only help to boost your child's confidence and get them ready for the statutory test in June.
Children are also expected to read every day and to answer questions based on their reading.

Swimming will take place every Tuesday until February. All children should have a **labelled swimming costume, towel and those with long hair must have a swimming hat. Earrings should be covered with a small plaster.** If anyone is willing and able to walk with us to Westminster Lodge, please let us know, we would be really grateful.
Please ensure your child also has a pair of trainers to be kept into school for the daily run and their PE kits. We will not be offering spare PE kits in school.

TOPIC: We are about to launch into our new topic - **"Romans''**

This is a history rich topic, where we will be studying Celtic life and learning all about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will also find out about St Alban the Martyr. We are lucky to be studying this in St Albans as we can find out first hand the impact that the Romans had on our local environment. We will be visiting the Verulamium park and museum later this half term.

MATHS: We will be continuing to follow the Maths No Problem curriculum, which has been highly successful at helping the children master numbers and develop their thinking around solving maths problems. This half term, we will focus on:

- Counting in hundreds, thousands and twenty-fives.
- Ensuring understanding of the value of a digit.
- Comparing and ordering numbers.
- Making number patterns.

There will also be a huge focus on securing previous year's learning and times tables.

ENGLISH: We will begin the year by developing understanding of stories through discussion and role play. Children will be encouraged to consider the viewpoints of different characters in a story, giving their own opinion and listening to those of others. We will be focussing on sentence structure and grammar.
All children will continue to have guided reading weekly with a teacher and have the opportunity to read daily in school.

SCIENCE: Our topic this half term is Electricity. Our enthusiastic scientists will be encouraged to ask questions about how electricity works and to discuss how they know whether circuits will succeed or not. We will enjoy investigating simple circuits after discussing how to be safe around electricity.

PSHE: Our first theme is 'Being Me in My World'. This includes thinking about ourselves as part of a school community, celebrating each other's differences and keeping positive in the face of disappointment.

RE: Our focus this term will be on how we celebrate and to compare ways of celebrating festivals in Christianity (Christmas) and Sikhism (Vaisakhi).

LATIN: salvēte omnēs! After a very enthusiastic introduction to Latin in Year 3, we shall continue to explore the world of Minimus and his family. This term, we will find out more about the Roman slaves and learn some new Latin verbs.

ART and DT: We will be exploring the Romans' use of art throughout their history and designing and creating our own mosaics.

MUSIC: Mrs Brown will be continuing with her wonderful music lessons where the children will be developing the use of pitch notation using a variety of instruments, including recorder.

COMPUTING: We will be exploring computer networks, including the internet, and discussing the services it offers whilst also considering what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour.

Oracy: We have a strong culture of oracy throughout the school and have seen a real impact across all areas of learning. We will be continuing with our four key strands of speaking and listening: Physical, linguistic, cognitive, and social and emotional. These areas include thinking about our choice of words, listening and responding appropriately, reasoning and clarifying ideas, and projection and tone of voice.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Also, keep looking out for messages on 'Marvellous Me'. We are really looking forward to a positive and successful Year 4, packed full with learning!

Many thanks,

The Year 4 Teaching Team!