



Flax Hill Junior Academy

Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 1, 2024

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This half term we are learning:

English: We will be working on our Sentence Stacking approach to writing and learning about the Writing Rainbow through a story called Journey. We will focus on building our descriptive writing skills and ensuring our punctuation is accurate.

Maths: Most of our work will be based around using place value and working with larger numbers. We will also started to explore column addition and subtraction and focus on our times tables.

Science: We will learn about Sound and how it travels. We will be talking about vibrations and particles.

History: We will look at life during early civilisations. For example, we will look at the Sumerians and Ancient Egyptians.

Geography: Our geographical work will be based around volcanoes. We will take a look at some of the most famous volcanoes around the world.

Art: We will be exploring use of Autumnal colours and sketching techniques.

Music: The children will be learning a new instrument with Mrs Walters: the ukulele.

French: In French, the children will be learning about vocabulary used to present themselves. For example, how old they are, where they live etc.

RE: The children will be looking at the importance of Harvest as a festival in Christianity.

Message from the teachers:

We have been so impressed with the fabulous start to Year 4 that the children have made so far, it has been lovely to welcome them back and get to know our new classes better. It would be fantastic to see the children continuing to build on their reading skills by ensuring that they are reading for 20-30 minutes each day. We appreciate your co-operation with this and cannot emphasise enough how important it is to instil a love of books in children from a young age.

We will be dedicating time each week to practising our times tables and it would be great to see the children continuing this at home too. There are lots of ways of doing this, from songs to games—make it a fun part of every day!

Finally, we hope that your children are enjoying the homework that is being set. Each Friday, a new task will be set as well as a purple mash task. If you have any problems, please let your child's class teacher know.

Suggested Home Learning Activities:

Every child has a reading book matched to their current reading levels to bring home with them each night. We are sure they would love to share their book with you. With regard to Maths, times tables, number bonds, telling the time and understanding money are other areas that children can benefit hugely from practising at home. This can be done at any time of the day - even when you are in the car or walking to school. Cooking or baking with your child provides great (and hopefully delicious) opportunities for real life application of maths skills including: adding up the cost of ingredients, weighing ingredients, timing, measuring liquid.