

Dear Parents,

It's week 2 and I feel like the children have a great daily routine and are enjoying their start to year 4.

Year 4

Spellings reminder for 22/9 test

Inactive, incorrect, inaccurate, insecure, indefinite, incomplete, infinite, inedible, inability, indecisive.

7 spellings:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

In maths this week, the children have been representing numbers up to, or above 1000 in a variety of ways. Towards the end of the week, they were partitioning the numbers and finding numerous ways to make a number with 4 or 5 digits. Within the lesson, the children always have the option of an extension challenge after their main activity; this will be linked to the daily learning and enables the children to use their reasoning skills. Please rest assured that the children will always be challenged in the lessons, just as there is always the opportunity to take the learning back a step if they have found a concept a little more challenging than they can manage.

English was great fun this week; the children wrote about a new character that they created especially for our story. These were great fun to read and full of description. Then the children learnt about imperative verbs and their purpose, which resulted in them creating a set of instructions for making their very own chocolate chunk.

Science involved the use of fizzy drinks (which again the children loved) as they were answering the question, 'Do gases weigh anything?' The children were able to make a prediction and then provide a conclusion after they had completed an investigation that involved weighing the drinks before and after opening them.

As a reminder, the only day the children are allowed to have crisps and chocolate in their packed lunch is on a Friday. Also, could the children with pierced ears (and who have had them pierced for more than 3 weeks) bring a pot to put their earrings in for the PE lesson and if necessary, practise taking them out at home? We have had several children saying that they are unable to remove their earrings, which results in them missing a PE lesson. Unfortunately, adults are not allowed to take their earrings out for them, or to tape their earrings for the lesson. Thank you for your support.

The transition from Year 3 to Year 4 seems to have highlighted a few issues for some of the children. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these with you, and would like to invite you into school for a meeting at 9;00am on Monday morning, 18th September. We are keen to hear and address any concerns that you might have and to support the children to focus fully on their learning as they move through the year. We apologise for the short notice, but we feel it is important to address these issues as soon as possible. We intend for this to be a constructive meeting and hope that you will be able to join us.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Ward and Mrs Phillips