

Skyswood Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure getting to know the children in our new class and to meet some of you already. We are pleased to say that Year 4 have settled in well and we are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable term ahead.

To confirm arrangements for the year, Mrs Ede will be responsible for Year 4 on Monday through to Wednesday and Mrs Morrish on Thursdays and Fridays. If you wish to contact us, please include us both on email communications so we are fully in the loop and best placed to support the children. Mrs Fox will be supporting the class as our TA in the mornings.

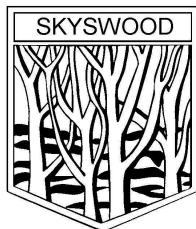
This letter contains some key information about our learning for the Autumn Term and how you can support your child at home.

In Maths, we will begin the year by building on key skills from Year 3, with a focus on place value, addition and subtraction, and measurement (perimeter). We will also work towards fluency in the multiplication tables in preparation for the Year 4 Maths curriculum and the multiplication check at the end of the academic year. To support this at home, your child should be using Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) every week. We recommend a 'little and often' approach alongside songs and multiplication games to help the facts become secure. Please refer to the TTRS parent guide, which will be coming home with your child.

Our English lessons will see us explore engaging texts including Arthur and the Golden Rope, The King Who Banned the Dark, and A Small Dragon. Through these, we will develop sentence structure, vocabulary choices, punctuation, and writing for different purposes. We will be working across a range of genres including graphic novels, poetry, persuasive writing, narrative, and explanation texts, ensuring that the children gain experience in writing for a variety of purposes and audiences. The children will also practise editing and improving their writing and using descriptive language to enhance their work.

We will continue with the Spell to Excel scheme, which the children will know from Year 3. Alongside this, everyone will also receive either a set of rainbow words or individual spellings to support their progression through the key spelling words. Weekly spellings will be written in homework diaries every Monday and tested on Fridays. We encourage daily reading at home—reading aloud to an adult, independent reading, and sharing books together—all of which support vocabulary, comprehension, and a love of reading.





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In Science this term, our topic is States of Matter. Year 4 will sort and classify solids, liquids, and gases, learn about changes of state, and conclude with the water cycle. Practical activities will develop scientific enquiry skills throughout and we have a number of exciting experiments planned to underpin the learning.

In Geography (until half term), we will study Europe - its countries, cultures, and human and physical geography. After the break, we will switch to History, when we will explore the Anglo-Saxons through enquiry-based questions. Our RE lessons will focus on the question 'What holds communities together?' and will see us welcome faith leaders to school. PSHE this half term will focus around the topic of 'Being Me in My World'.

Physical Education will take place in school on Thursdays. In the first half of the term, the children will be developing their hockey skills, and after half term, we will focus on dance. Swimming will make up the remainder of the Autumn Term PE and will take place on Monday afternoon at Sandringham. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit each Monday (including a swimming hat) and has their PE kit (including trainers) in school every day.

We begin our Year 4 Art exploring "folds and crumples," beginning with observational drawing before moving to watercolour painting and then clay work. After half term, our Design Technology unit will involve designing, making, and evaluating pop-up books. If you have any of these at home, we would love to borrow these in November.

Madame Cheshire will continue to teach French, beginning with la carte de France (the map of France), Quelle est la date? and numbers to thirty. Mr Turner will be teaching the weekly music lesson on Thursdays.

Home learning will be set on Fridays via Google Classroom and is due the following Wednesday.

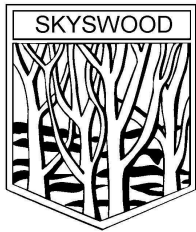
Many thanks for the kind offers of help for walking to swimming, we are now covered for these sessions. Parent helpers are always welcome. If you are interested in volunteering, regularly or on an ad hoc basis, please get in touch.

If you have any questions, please email us at edek@skyswood.aetrust.uk and morrisht@skyswood.aetrust.uk or catch us at the door to arrange a convenient time. We look forward to working closely with you to support your child in their Year 4 journey and to a successful first term together.

Warm regards,

Mrs Kathy Ede and Mrs Teresa Morrish





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