

Year 4 Bronte & Pankhurst Classes Newsletter: 3rd September 2018

Bronte and Pankhurst Class

Welcome to Year 4. Bronte Class teachers are Mrs Robinson (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Brook (Thurs & Friday) Miss Nock will be around for the first two weeks and will return from her maternity leave later in the year. The team wish her all the very best. Pankhurst's Class Teacher is Mr Pickering. Miss Hedges is our TA, who will be working across both classes. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting and getting to know our new classes on 'class move up days' and can't wait to get started. The children will quickly get to know the expectations of year 4. If you have any worries or any questions please come and speak to one of the year 4 team before or after school.



Homework

Children are expected to read every day and record in their diaries. In KS2 there is a reading challenge 'around the world'. As a class we tot up how many reads in total the children have done in one week. The class who have read the most win the trophy in our achievement assembly. They must know their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of year 4. Please practice these and spellings (that will be in their home school diary each week) at home with your child.

Labelling:

Please can you make sure all clothes are labelled with your child's name including PE kits. We now have over 350 children wearing the same blue jumper which means sorting lost property is very difficult. It is your child's responsibility to look after their own belongings.



Our topic this half term:

Bright sparks is our new and exciting topic. We will be learning about all things to do with electricity. In DT the children will be researching, designing, making and evaluating their own lights.

Walking home

In year 4, children are allowed to walk home. Please let your class teacher know arrangements.



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PE

Year 4 will be starting the first half term with Commando Joe. This will be every Monday afternoon. The children last year absolutely loved his sessions, we are very excited to participate in the new missions. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school as it is part of school uniform.

Swimming

We will be going swimming at Portland Leisure Centre.

Pankhurst: Wednesday afternoon

Bronte class: Friday afternoon

The children will walk to the leisure center and swim from 2.30-3:00. This will mean the children will return to school later than usual. **You can either pick your child up from swimming at 3:05 or from school at 3.30 or they can walk home from school with parental permission.**

A letter will be going out, please return promptly as we will need to know picking up arrangements. If you have any problems please speak to one of the year 4 team.

Forest Schools

Every Thursday, we will have a forest schools session with Mrs Walker in the garden. Children will need sensible footwear and clothing for this, particularly as we head into the colder months.

Website

Check out our new year group website page <https://www.victoriaprimarieschool.org.uk/page.php?d=year4&p=intro> Keep up to date with things happening in Year 4. There will be useful links and resources that you can access at home.



Diary Dates: Autumn 2018

Date	Year Group	Time	Event
Thursday 13 th September	All	3.15 – 4.15 pm	<p>Open Afternoon</p> <p><i>Call in to meet the adults working with your child this year, have a look at your child's work so far and ask any questions you need to. No appointment needed – all welcome!</i></p>
Friday 14 th September	Parents & Carers	9.00 – 10.00 am	<p>“Keeping your children safe online” event by NSPCC & O2</p> <p><i>Free – no need to book – in the school hall</i></p>
Tuesday 18 th September	Parents & Carers	1.15 – 3.15 pm	<p>“Keeping up with the kids in English” learning course for parents</p> <p><i>Free weekly course (6 sessions) Look out for a separate info flyer</i></p>
Wednesday 19 th September	Year 3	AM	Geography Trip to the Embankment
Friday 28 th September	Years 1 - 6	AM	<p>Harvest Celebration Assembly</p> <p><i>Donations for the food bank welcome</i></p>
Friday 26 th October	All	3.15 pm	School closes for half term break
Monday 5 th November	All	8.45 am	School re-opens
Monday 12 th November	All		National Anti-bullying Week
Wednesday 15 th November	All	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Parent – Teacher Meetings
Thursday 16 th November	All	3.30 – 6.00 pm	Parent – Teacher Meetings
Friday 17 th November	All	Day	Children in Need Charity Event