

# Year 4 Spring News

It seems like everything sleeps in winter but not for our Year 4 children. They have worked exceedingly hard; getting to know the routines and expectations in their new classes, getting to know new teachers as well as, developing the skill of becoming independent learners and of course, taking responsibility for their learning.

As we enter into the spring term and new year, Year 4 are will be extremely busy, but with the children's determination and positivity – we will survive! The seeds have been planted, now watch us grow.

## Young Voices



We will be attending the O2 on the 30<sup>th</sup> January for the concert; Young Voices. The children have been working hard learning the songs and dance moves. They are very excited and looking forward to it. Because we will arrive home late that day, the children are not expected into school until 10:15 the next day. An email will be sent out to confirm details.



## Daily Routines

Year 4s arrive at school between 8:40 and 8:50 am via the main gates. They are collected from the main playground at 3:30pm. If you need to convey an urgent message to a member of staff, please feel free to do so. If there are non-urgent matters that you need to discuss, please make an appointment to see the class teacher after school. If there are any changes to your child's collection routine as a one off or long term, please inform the office. Also, please keep the office updated with any phone number changes.

## Reading

At Gothic Mede Academy, we expect each child in Key Stage 2 to read at least four times a week. Reading allows us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are. Reading allows us to be transported from our own world to another. Between the pages of a book, we can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters and learn about cultural differences different from our own. We can also learn new words and phrases, experience a range of emotions, and acquire skills and knowledge. We understand that many children are now at the stage where they read to themselves, but we would recommend spending time with them asking questions about the text that they have read.

## Homework

We will continue to send home Mathematics homework on alternate Fridays. This should be completed and returned by the Thursday of the second week. This homework will either focus on developing basic number skills or on application and problem solving. In addition to this, and to help prepare the children for their next school, reading homework will also accompany the maths. Spelling will continue on a weekly basis, to allow us to cover the whole spelling curriculum more effectively. Spellings should be practised and learnt over the week rather than completed quickly and are encouraged to do this in a range of ways.

TT Rockstars is very popular with the children and they love to challenge their friends. Please continue to encourage your child to learn and recall their multiplication tables. All children have been provided with a login for TT Rockstars to assist them with this. It is crucial that they develop quick recall of all their tables up to 12 x 12 if they are to meet the age-expected level for Year 4. At the end of the academic year, there will be a statutory 'Multiplication Tables Check' for all pupils in Year 4.

'Star Challenges' are set on a termly basis. There will be a clear success criteria and feedback linked to each Star Challenge. These are an opportunity for children to either work independently or collaboratively with family members.

All returned work will be shared in school with the class.



Spring term challenge is to research a historical event.

The date for returning the star challenge this term is:

**Spring – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

## P.E.

Outdoor P.E. lessons remains the same, on **Tuesday**, while Indoor P.E. is on a **Thursday**. It is essential that pupils wear their P.E. kits to school on these days. Please also ensure that P.E. kit items are all named. Earrings should not be worn during P E sessions, so pupils who wear earrings should remove them before coming to school on P.E. days. Long hair must be tied back. Children will need trainers, jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt in addition to a t-shirt and shorts as part of their kit, when weather dictates, as we will endeavour to do PE outside as much as possible. This half term is tennis and yoga.

## **PGL and Sporting Events**

In Year 4, there are frequent events for pupils to attend. Children will not attend all events, but we will endeavour to ensure that all pupils will be given the opportunity to attend at least one.

PGL trip this year is Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and return on the Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**PGL meeting is:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 3:35pm. Mrs Holland and Mrs Hopla will be available at the end to answer any questions or concerns.



## **Y4 Assembly**

Year 4's assembly is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2:45pm

## **Curriculum overview**

Maths: Length and perimeter, fractions and decimals.

English: News report, narrative story writing and poetry.

Science: States of matter, sound and vibrations.

Computing: Animation and effective searching.

Geography: Rivers and the water cycle.

History: A local history study.

PSHE: Health & wellbeing.

French: Family tree and faces.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Thank you for  
being here on  
our journey.

