Year 4 – Autumn 2

Welcome back! We hope the children have had a restful half term and that they're ready to go with some exciting new learning!

The children have all had a wonderful start to the year and have settled into the routines and expectations of being the older year group in Lower Key Stage 2 very well.

Key dates:

12 Nov. - Open Evening

25 -27 Nov. - Horstead residential - 4MR & 4GR

27 - 29 Nov. - Horstead residential - 4T & 4RBR

15 Nov. - Children in Need (non-uniform)

3 December – Christmas Jumper Swap

11 December – Christmas lunch & jumper day

16 December - Y3 & Y4 Christmas Carol Concert

Please do also keep an eye on Class Dojo, as this is our primary means of communication.

PE Days

4T – Monday & Tuesday 4MR – Monday & Thursday 4RBR – Monday & Tuesday 4GR – Monday & Thursday

Children are expected to wear a plain white, blue or black top (no football shirts) and black bottoms (shorts, leggings, jogging bottoms) for PE. Trainers are the best form of footwear as they provide children with good stability and support. Like last year, children should come to school on PE days dressed in their PE kits. On cooler days, children can of course wear a jumper or hoodie (plain blue, black or grey). A school jumper is ok!

Water Bottles and Snacks

Please ensure that all children have a named water bottle in school. Most children will also bring in a healthy snack (no crisps – these can be eaten at lunchtimes) for their morning break. All snacks must be free of nuts and kiwi.

The Year 4 Team

4T - Mr Thornton (Year Lead)

4MR - Mrs Margetson

4GR – Mr Genders

4RBR – Mr Rose-Brown

Support staff:

Mrs Riddell, Mrs Allen, Miss Goodson and Mrs Smith

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions, queries or concerns. They are all available to reach via Class Dojo. Alternatively, you can have a quick chat with them on the playground after school.

Reading at Home

Whilst we do not set any formal homework at Avenue Junior School, we do ask that you spend 10-20 minutes each day reading with your child. The benefits of this are wideranging, impacting on not only reading ability (fluency and comprehension), but also spelling, sentence construction and generation of ideas.

Times Tables

We will be having a significant push on learning times tables this year. Children will be reissued with their Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) usernames and passwords and we encourage children to practice these regularly. Each week we will be awarding a class a special TTRS award. This may be based on the number of children in each class using TTRS, improvements in recall speed/accuracy or time spent playing TTRS. You can access TTRS using a full range of digital technology. If this may be a barrier to your child using TTRS, your child's teacher will be able to supply some paper copies of the activities.

Curriculum Map

A curriculum map will be sent out to all families (via Class Dojo, email and the school website). This will give you a brief overview of our learning for the half term.