



# Uffculme Primary School

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## AUTUMN 2023 CLASS NEWSLETTER

September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 4,

I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and enjoyed spending time together with your family and friends.

Now we are back at school, this newsletter will update you on our Year 4 learning and the routines for the autumn term.

In Year 4 this term, Mrs Fox and I will be the Year 4 classroom adults. We will also be joined by Mrs Yells and Mrs Murphy from time to time. As a collective, we will always provide your child with a safe, fun and nurturing learning environment.

We pride ourselves on having an **open-door policy**, so if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Similarly, if I am ever not available, please feel free to discuss any concerns with Mrs Fox or any of our other school adults and they will be more than happy to help.

We have included a list of topics for the autumn term and a brief explanation of what we will be covering during each one in the table below.

This term in Year 4, we are learning:

Subject Area	Content	What we hope to find out and learn
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fiction- Myths</li><li>• Non-Fiction- Recounts</li><li>• Monster Poetry</li><li>• Fiction- Narrative writing about a Christmas calamity</li></ul>	In English we will be reading a variety of texts to ensure the children become familiar with a wide range of genres. We will discuss each text together as a class, learn and practise the grammatical features within it before then finally writing our own.
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Number and Place Value</li><li>• Colum addition and subtraction</li><li>• Perimeter</li><li>• Coordinates</li></ul>	In Maths we will be revisiting place value to learn about 4-digit numbers. We will talk about each place value column and show our understanding in a variety of different representations. After this, we will revisit addition and subtraction using the column method. Then we will begin learning newer areas of maths!
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Animals including Humans</li><li>• Electricity</li></ul>	In Science, we will be identifying each part of the human digestive system. We will be describing the role each part plays within the human body before learning about human teeth. In electricity, we will be very hands on, creating our own electrical circuits.

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Geography & History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ancient Greece</li> </ul>	In History and Geography lessons, we will be studying Ancient Greece. We will learn about many aspects of Ancient Greek life including architecture, religion and the Olympics. In Geography we will be becoming more familiar with Greece's location within Europe and using a compass to direct our way around an Ancient Greek city.
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills showcase: HTML</li> </ul>	In Computing, we will be learning about how websites are made and the programming behind them. We will be finding and adapting HTML codes and seeing what happens.
Art & DT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drawing- Power prints</li> <li>• Textiles- Fastenings</li> </ul>	In Art, we will be revisiting drawing by practising tones and patterns. In DT, we will be working with felt and a variety of fastenings to create our own book covers.
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singing</li> <li>• A variety of music styles</li> </ul>	In Music, we will be learning about two songs: Fantasy Football Team and This Little Light of Mine. We shall explore the composition of these songs, play our own instruments along with the backing tracks and perform them with our own voices as final compositions.
PSHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Families and relationships</li> <li>• Health and wellbeing</li> </ul>	In PSHE, we will be learning about different family structures and friendship boundaries. We will explore how certain behaviours can affect others discuss a wide range of emotions. We will also talk about independence and hygiene.
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hinduism</li> </ul>	In RE, we will be learning about Hinduism. We will be exploring some religious beliefs and practices, concentrating on Hindus in Britain and how Hindus worship.
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invasion games</li> </ul>	We will be learning a range of different invasion games such as football, netball, basketball and rugby to improve our balance, coordination and agility. We will also be learning the rules and tactics of these sports.

## HOMEWORK IN YEAR 4

Homework will be **set on a Monday** and will be collected **the following Monday**.

### Reading

All children at Uffculme Primary School are expected to read at least **3 times a week** at home. Please ensure your child does this and please sign their Reading Record Book to show that they have been heard reading. The children will need to make sure that they bring their Reading Record Book to school every day for the classroom adults to use and check.

### Spelling

Spelling homework will be given as a sheet in your child's homework book. They are expected to practise the 10 spellings each week. These spellings will link to our spelling scheme followed in class. Please encourage your child to bring their homework book back to school each week for an adult to check their spelling homework.

### Maths

Maths homework is on TT Rockstars. Please support your child in doing **at least 20 minutes** of this a week.

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### Water bottles and snack

Please can you send a **water bottle into school every day** for your child. It is really important that they have access to water throughout the day and a bottle in the classroom ensures that water is readily available (no squash or juice please). Please label the bottle with your child's name.

If your child would like a snack at break time, they can bring in a piece of fruit or veg from home.

### PE

PE lessons will be taken by Mr Carpanini and will be on a Wednesday and Thursday. Children will need to have their PE kit in school on these days. A reminder that your child needs: black shorts, red polo-shirt and daps/trainers. When the weather is colder, they may need black tracksuit bottoms and a black sweatshirt. Please ensure that all PE kit is clearly labelled and carried in a named bag. For health and safety reasons, jewellery must be removed for P.E; this includes earrings.

Thank you for all of your support. Let's have a great Autumn term!

With very best wishes,

*Mrs A Hughes*

Year 4 Teacher

### Dates for your diary:

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>		Children to start (apart from Reception children)
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>		Home visits to new children
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>		Part time attendance for EYFS children to start
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>		First full day for Reception children
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>		Open Classrooms
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>		Non-Pupil Inset Day
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Harvest Festival (Church) - Food donations to CHAT
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	3:40pm	Parent Consultation Evenings (incl. SENDCO meetings)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	3:40pm	Parent Consultation Evenings
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Non-Pupil Day Trust-Wide Day

