

Welcome to 4M

Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parent / Person with parental responsibility,

Welcome to a new school year. I hope you all had a great summer break. Here are a few pieces of information to act as a reminder for the new year 4 children. I hope the children are as eager and enthusiastic as I am to discover new things about the topics this year.

Topic

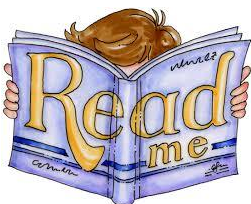
This term we will be looking at Roman Britain in history. This will involve a trip to Chester - more details will follow later. In geography we will be going "All Around the World" to find out about how the world is divided into different areas.

Science

Our first subject area in science will be looking at how sound is made. In this topic we will be making our own musical instruments from waste materials - if you have any shoe boxes or similar sized cardboard boxes, glass or plastic bottles or plastic tubing that you no longer need then any donations will be gratefully received.

For our second topic, we shall look at how materials can change from one state to another.

Reading books



Reading books will be changed on a daily basis where possible, however, please can all reading books be in the class book box on a Friday (even if they do not need changing) as this gives us chance to check that children are reading regularly. Additionally, can reading books be placed in the children's school bags each day so that we can hear them read.

Homework

English and Maths homework is given out each week on a Friday. These will be put into a homework folder to take home and complete. Please encourage your child to complete as soon as possible and return to school before Thursday.

Spellings will be given out and tested on Wednesday afternoons.

Please ensure your child has at least 20 minutes of practice on TTrackstars each week.

I have always got spare copies of any homework if any is misplaced.



Make & Bake Money



Due to low and restricted funds, we would be extremely grateful if a £2.00 donation is given towards our make and bake fund each term. This enables us to do more creative activities and explore new materials, especially when we have themed topic days.

Water bottles

It has been proven that plenty of water throughout the day helps to keep the brain alert and active. Please supply you child with a labelled bottle with a sports top, so that water is always convenient and available in class. Please provide a reusable water bottle rather than single use bottles to help protect the environment.

Timetable

Please find attached a class timetable for the autumn term. P.E. is on Tuesday, which will take place outside whenever possible. This will require a full P.E. kit of plain trainers, a dark blue or black tracksuit top and bottoms and a white T-shirt. The children can wear their P.E. kit all day.

Swimming will take place on Wednesdays for our class throughout the school year. The children need a swimming kit - one piece costume for the girls, trunks or swim shorts for the boys - not big baggy ones. No jewellery is allowed so please make sure earrings are removed before coming to school. Goggles are allowed but please make sure the children are aware of how to use them safely.

Toast Money

Your child will have the opportunity to purchase toast at break times. Please send a week's worth of money with your child on Monday. £1 for a single slice per day or £2 for two pieces per day.



Further queries or concerns

If you have any further queries or concerns, please feel free to email me at any time via a.murdoch@hassell.staffs.sch.uk and I will respond as soon as I am able. If, however, you would like to speak to me personally and I am not available, Mrs Ashley (who is outside on the yard each morning) will gladly make an appointment for you to see me at a later date, which is mutually convenient.

Kind regards

Mr Murdoch (class teacher)

	Assembly 9-9.25, Interventions	9.30-10.30	B	10.45 – 11.45	Whole Class Reading and interventions 11.45 -12.15	L	1:00 -2:00	2:00 -2:45	Reading for Pleasure 2:45 – 3:00
MON	Assembly	Maths	R	English	Whole Class Reading	U	Music	ICT	
TUES	Assembly	Maths	E	English	Whole Class Reading	N	Art / D and T	PE	
WED	Maths 9:00 - 9:45	English 9:45 - 10:30	A	Spelling lesson	Swimming	C	Science	Spelling Test	
THURS	Assembly	Maths	K	English	French	H	RE	PSHE	
FRI	Assembly	Maths		English	Whole Class Reading		Topic	Handwriting	