Year 4 Newsletter Autumn 2

Writing This half term we will be focusing on Persuasive Writing. We will learn how to use our tone as well as emotive language and facts to try and get someone to see things our way!	**Science** We will be learning about how living things are classified and how to use keys to find out the names of different organisms.	**RE** We will be learning about the Christian belief of the Trinity and how this affects the practice of their faith.
Maths We will be learning about multiplication, including the formal written method for multiplication. Our Autumn assessments will be in week 4.	**History** We are learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, how they got along with each other and how their decisions shaped England. **We will be having a full day workshop about Anglo-Saxons on Thursday 10th December. Please check Parentpay to make a contribution to this.**	**Reading** This half term our focus fiction text will be Charlotte's Web by E.R. White. This is an example of classic children's fiction from 1950's America. We will be focusing on children's ability to infer information from a text. There will also be a non-fiction text about electricity.
PE Alongside swimming, this term we will use Real Gym to work on balance and sequencing movements, or creating a dance based on a toolkit of actions.	**Geography** We will continue learning about rivers, why they are important to us and how we can look after them. We will also be going on our local river trips	**French** We will be learning how to talk about our local area.
Music We will be preparing to perform a song for the Winter Singing Assembly.	**PSHE** This half term's topic is called "My Safety, My Choices." We will discuss safe ways to set your own boundaries.	**Spellings** We will cover a variety of spelling patterns through Ready, Steady, Spell, as well as revisiting tricky words every week.
Computing We will be completing our unit on animation. .	**DT** This half term we will be using our designs to make our nightlights.	**Art** We will be continuing our Art unit about creating patterns.

Book Changing Days

Beech - Wednesday	Pine - Wednesday	Juniper - Wednesday

PE and Swimming

Class	**Beech**	**Juniper**	**Pine**
Swimming	**Wednesday**	**Wednesday**	**Wednesday**
At school PE	**Thursday**	**Monday**	**Monday**

Online Resources

https://mathsbot.com/primaryMenu	**TT Rockstars**	**Computing**

Google Classroom Codes

Beech pw6adhez	Pine: 2wdcmv64	Juniper g7oigfm6

Homework

Reading

- Children choose 2 books to take home and read each week:

1. **Collins book** ● At your child's reading level ● Should be read and swapped weekly	2. **Read for pleasure book** ● Could be a picture book, graphic novel, poems, a short chapter book or a longer chapter book ● If this is a longer chapter book, your child can keep this for over a week and return it on the next book change day for their class.
	

- Please make sure you listen to your child read **EVERY DAY** for at least 10 minutes.

Maths

- Please also encourage your child to complete times tables activities on TT Rockstars regularly so they retain speedy recall of the facts.
- They can also continue using Numbots to practice their mental recall of number facts.
- Homework linked to their lessons will be posted on Purple Mask every Friday, due the following Thursday.

Spelling

- Children will be given a list of spelling words on Friday. They must practise the words ready for a test the following week.