



Welcome Back

Welcome back to school!!! We have had a great few weeks back in Year 4 and are already getting well and truly stuck into the Y4 curriculum. This half term our topic is all about 'What's the Matter?' where we are learning all about solids, liquids and gases in science and linking this in to our English work too. For the first two weeks of term we have been reading Oliver Jeffers book 'Here We Are. Notes For Living On Planet Earth' and linking it to coming back to school, keeping safe and well and how exciting it is to be back together.

This week, English and Maths homework has been set for your child on IXL. IXL is an interactive learning platform that can be accessed via a computer, tablet or smartphone. You can access it either through navigating to this address <https://uk.ixl.com/signin> or by downloading the app in the appropriate app store. You will receive your child's login via ParentMail on Friday (along with their Purple Mash and Times Table Rock Stars logins). Each week when you log in you will see that your child has been assigned work to complete. We will be able to monitor progress, view work and see how long children have been using IXL. This will then allow us to provide personalised learning for your child and clearly identify the next steps needed in their progress. The expectation is that children should spend **20 minutes** each week on the assigned English and Maths activities.

Maths (Due Wednesday)

Over the last two weeks, we have been learning about place value of numbers up to 9000 and how to round to the nearest 10 and 100.

This week the children's IXL Maths link is on rounding numbers.

IXL Maths link - Level E A.12.

Literacy (Due Wednesday)

In Literacy we have been reading 'Here We Are. Notes For Living On Planet Earth' and carried out various literacy tasks linked to the book, including poetry, leaflets and letters. In our SpaG lessons we have been focusing on the Year 3 and 4 CEW to see what gaps we have in our knowledge of them.

IXL English link - Level E F.3.

RE - Thought for the Week

How can you show mercy and forgive others this week?

Spellings (Test on Friday)

This year the children will continue to learn spelling rules in class as well as the statutory KS2 National Curriculum words. Each Friday the children will have a 10 word spelling test with 5 words from the statutory list and 5 words based on a rule learnt in class.

This week the rule is for words with /aw/ spelt augh and au.

For example, caught, naughty, taught, daughter, autumn, clause, cause, astronaut, applaud, author

Other News and Reminders...

Please do remember to read as much as possible at home - it really does help. Your child has a sticker on their Reading Record to remind them of the day of the week they need to change their book, your support with this is really appreciated. Also, every child will now have their Times Tables Rock Stars login. We would love it if they could do around 20 minutes practise a week.

Topic - also don't forget that you have until half term to complete 35 points on your topic homework.

Thanks for a great few weeks. Keep up the fabulous work!