Horton Grange Primary Year 4 Newsletter
Autumn 2 in Year 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy half term and the children in Year 4 have been working very hard. Please could you make sure your child comes to school on time, in full school uniform, with their book bag and a warm, waterproof coat. Please ensure children wear their PE kits on their allocated PE days. For homework, the children should be encouraged to access TTRS, Purple Mash and weekly spellings. This is in addition to reading every night to enhance fluency.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Year 4 Teachers

Maths

Next half term, the children will be looking at addition and subtraction and how to use a formal written method. Children will apply their skills to solving reasoning and problem-solving questions. In arithmetic, children will explore multiplication and division, using a range of manipulatives, to deepen their understanding of division and multiplication structures. Children will continue to enhance their fluency skills through oral and mental staters and arithmetic lesson thus enabling them to become efficient with their mental calculations.

English

Next half term, the children will be writing a letter to children in South America, describing their day in Saltaire. The children will be exposed to a variety of informal letters, which will enable them to explore features of a letter. The children will also be developing their reading skills during Guided Reading, exploring a range of texts and developing more detailed extended answers.

Geography -

Next half term, the children will describe and understand compass points and look at six- figure grid references.

Children will learn about tropics and the countries, climates and culture of North and South America. Children will also learn how to identify physical features in the United Kingdom and will learn about National Rail and canal networks.

Computing

In computing, the children will be learning about audio production and how media is created. They will be developing their knowledge on how and what these functions can be used for. The children will also be exploring copyright and ownership.

Swimming

Your child will be going swimming every Wednesday morning. Please ensure they bring a swimming costume, trunks and a towel.

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Science -

In Science we will be learning about sound. The children will look at how sound is made and how it travels as vibrations through a medium to the ear. Children will learn about pitch and volume and they will find out how both can be changed.

DT:

In DT, children will be evaluating a healthy snack. The children will be learning about food decay and preservation. They will discover key inventions in food preservation and packaging, then make examples.

PSHE

Next half term, the PSHE topic is making good choices.

We will be looking at what is a healthy and unhealthy choice including exploring drug, alcohol and tobacco use and misuse.

MFL

The children have been learning to speak Spanish and this will continue next half term. Their topic will be 'family'. They will learn to say key information such as their name, relation and age. We will also continue to consolidate knowledge on numbers, to 100.

Physical Education In PE, the children will be learning to play Dodgeball. They will be leaning how to aim. They will also be engaging in gymnastics.	Music- Next half term, the children will continue to play and learn the guitars with an external provider. Children will also look at describing and evaluating a piece of music.	Times Tables It is very important for your child to learn all their times tables fluently in preparation for the national test at the end of the year where children will have 6 seconds to answer each multiplication question. The children will be practicing their timetables weekly in class. Please ensure they are logging onto TTRS.	RE - In RE, the children will be exploring Christianity. They will be exploring how the Bible helps Christians live their lives.