Year 4 – Autumn 2

Welcome back! We hope the children have had a restful half term and that they're ready to go with some exciting new learning! The children have all had a wonderful start to the year and have settled into the routines and expectations of being the older year group in Lower Key Stage 2 very well.

Key dates:

- 11 Nov. – Open Evening
- 13th and 14th November – Stranger's Hall
- 24 –26 Nov. – residential – 4GL and 4H
- 26 – 28 Nov. –residential – 4A and 4R
- 9 December – Y3 & Y4 Christmas Carol Concert

Please do also keep an eye on Class Dojo, as this is our primary means of communication.

We have an exciting half term planned as we begin our new History unit. The children will be stepping back in time to the 1500s to discover why refugees known as the Strangers came to Norwich and how they changed the city and Britain. A highlight of the term will be our trip to Stranger's Hall, where pupils will become "Strangers for a Day" and take part in hands-on, historical workshops to bring their learning to life.

Please also remember the importance of timetables this half term. Regular practice at home really helps children build confidence and speed with their multiplication facts, which supports all areas of maths learning. Little and often makes a big difference!



PE Days

Children are expected to wear a plain white, blue or black top (no football shirts) and black bottoms (shorts, leggings, jogging bottoms) for PE. Trainers are the best form of footwear as they provide children with good stability and support. Like last year, children should come to school on PE days dressed in their PE kits. On cooler days, children can of course wear a jumper or hoodie (plain blue, black or grey). A school jumper is ok!

Water Bottles and Snacks

Please ensure that all children have a named water bottle in school. Most children will also bring in a healthy snack (no crisps – these can be eaten at lunchtimes) for their morning break. All snacks must be free of nuts and kiwi.

Reading at Home

Whilst we do not set any formal homework at Avenue Junior School, we do ask that you spend 10-20 minutes each day reading with your child. The benefits of this are wide-ranging, impacting on not only reading ability (fluency and comprehension), but also spelling, sentence construction and generation of ideas.

Times Tables

We will be having a significant push on learning times tables this year. Children will be reissued with their Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) usernames and passwords and we encourage children to practice these regularly. Each week we will be awarding a class a special TTRS award. This may be based on the number of children in each class using TTRS, improvements in recall speed/accuracy or time spent playing TTRS. You can access TTRS using a full range of digital technology. If this may be a barrier to your child using TTRS, your child's teacher will be able to supply some paper copies of the activities.

Curriculum Map

A curriculum map will be sent out to all families (via Class Dojo, email and the school website). This will give you a brief overview of our learning for the half term.