

Class 4 Autumn Term Newsletter 2022



Welcome back for another exciting year at Levens! Below is all of the information you'll need about our curriculum for this term, as well as general information to help you make the most of the term's learning.

Teaching in Class 4: Mr Dean is the main lead for teaching in Class 4. Some lessons are also taught by Mrs Farraday. The class is supported by Mrs Matheson & Mrs Lawless.

PE Lessons are scheduled to take place on Tuesday afternoons. A light waterproof and spare socks are strongly advised during the winter months, as P.E. sessions still go ahead if it is raining. Trainers are also essential - pupils are not allowed to wear school shoes or studded/bladed boots in P.E. lessons. Please make sure P.E. kit is in school every day if possible, in the event that session timings need to be changed at short notice.

Swimming lessons run throughout the first half of the Autumn term, taking place on Wednesdays from 14th September to 19th October. Please ensure your child comes to school with a swimming costume to change into at the centre (including swim cap), towel and snack. Please note jewellery of any kind, including watches & fitness trackers, may not be worn in the pool.

Reply slips and payments should be placed in the classroom box before the morning register is taken - late additions may not be processed until the following day. Please also check bags periodically for letters which might have been forgotten about!

Equipment: Children in Class 4 enjoy having their own pencil case in school, but **please ensure that it contains the essential items:** writing and colouring pencils, a ruler, rubber and sharpener. In our experience, children often come with all kinds of fantastic stationery which is rarely used while lacking the basic necessities. Toys, 'fidget' items are not allowed in class without explicit permission from the class teacher. This includes blue-tack, scissors and putty.



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Homework: Pupils are set homework each week on a Friday, due in on the following Friday unless otherwise specified. Homework may take the form of tasks set in homework diaries, CGP books provided by school or photocopied sheets - there will usually be maths, English and topic homework to complete each week. In preparation for secondary school it is each pupil's responsibility to keep their homework safe (not scrunched up at the bottom of a bag!).

Spellings are tested and new words are set on a Monday. Students will have a set of 5 words to learn each week, alongside a word work activity designed to reinforce the spelling rule. Spellings should be practised little and often at home throughout the week.

Students are expected to read regularly at home around five times a week, both alone and to an adult. This should be recorded in reading records alongside any notes on the reading (particularly good expression, tricky words etc.). Pupils are welcome to read their own choice of book from home or choose from the extensive selection in school.

Support from parents in managing homework and ensuring it is completed in good time is greatly appreciated. If homework is regularly forgotten or does not meet our high standards, children may be required to complete this in their own time during the school day. I will contact you if I have any concerns.

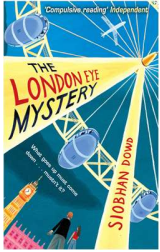
Upcoming Trips: Class 4 have a sailing experience on lake Windermere on the 23rd September, subsidised by our school sports funding. This has been hugely enjoyable in the past and you should have already received an information and permission letter. If you have not yet returned your permission slip and £10 contribution please do so as soon as possible.

Accommodation is also now booked for our Edinburgh residential in February. Dates are Monday 6th to Wednesday 8th February 2023 - you have full permission to start getting excited for this action packed adventure!

Contact: If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please feel free to contact me at class4@levens.cumbria.sch.uk and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Urgent queries or information, including drop-off and pick-up arrangements, **must** be sent to office@levens.cumbria.sch.uk as the class inbox may not be monitored during teaching time.

Curriculum Overview:

Maths: We begin this term with a focus on place value exploring how numbers up to 1 or 10 million are constructed, written and used. Following this, we develop our skills in adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. Year 6 are introduced to long multiplication and division with very large numbers, while year 5 apply both mental and written strategies to smaller numbers. The term finishes with a focus on fractions, exploring fraction equivalence and calculation.



English: Our writing this term makes links across the curriculum, for example exploring ancient Greek myths and legends - the focus for our history topic. We will also produce a range of writing on the topic of 'remembrance' and the novel "Way Home" by Libby Hathorne. Shorter tasks are designed to develop spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG). This includes the structure and cohesion of sentences; word classes and levels of formality in writing. Guided reading in Autumn centers around the short novels "The London Eye Mystery" and "The Explorer".

Science: In science, we will focus on solids, liquids and gases and explore how materials can change their state. We will explore reversible and irreversible changes, before moving on to look at how mixtures and solutions can be made. Strategies to reverse this process, including sieving, filtering and evaporating lead us to our final challenge of cleaning and filtering dirty water.

Topic: The Ancient Greeks are our focus in History this term, as we explore ancient Greek life, their achievements and their influence on the Western world.

SCARF: Previously RSHE, SCARF lessons take a focus on developing our personal and social skills. This term we explore 'Me and My Relationships' and 'Rights and Responsibilities'. We study topics such as collaboration, negotiation, communication, views and emotions and financial skills.

PE: The year begins with weekly swimming lessons in Kendal - more information can be found below. We also develop team-building skills in the outdoors, invasion games and gymnastics.

Computing: This term begins by exploring how computers connect to each other and share information. We also consider how search engines collect, rank and display results.

RE: Our Christian Value for this term is Love. In RE lessons we explore the themes of Harvest and 'people of God'.

D&T: As part of an extended project at the end of each half term, we will design and create our own stuffed toys and electrical greeting cards.

Art: In Art, students focus on drawing techniques, developing their use of colour, line and pattern. This includes self-portraits, portraits of animals inspired by Carolee Clark and drawing mythical beasts.

French: French this term will focus on two topics - "at school" and "where I live" to develop both spoken and written French skills.