

Year 4 Autumn Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of Year 4! We hope you had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead. There are lots of exciting things happening this term, in particular our trip to Guildford and our Alice in Wonderland WOW day. Please keep your eye on Headlines for other school and year group news; absolutely essential weekly reading.

If at any point you would like to speak to any of us, just email the Office at info.raleigh@sfet.org.uk and we can arrange a mutually convenient time. We're all looking forward to a fantastic academic year!

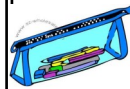
A quick reminder that the Surrey Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge House Competition, Ready, Set, Read - closes 23rd Sep - It's free! Read 6 books to get house points, stickers, rewards, certificate, medal and a tennis ball prize. Speak to Horsley library if you still want to get involved. It's a fantastic way to support and encourage reading!

Finally, there are over 50 interesting, historical and beautiful venues open this weekend for free across Guildford. For details, please visit [Guildford Heritage Open Days 2023 - Heritage & History in Guildford and surrounding villages, Guildford - Visit Surrey](#) and download the Hidden Treasures leaflet.

Mrs Hamilton and Mr McMullan



Pencil Case Alert!



There are lots of lovely pencil cases in the shops but the children only need one case, **which must be small enough to fit in their tray.** Pencil cases should include:

- a black handwriting pen
- a pencil
- a glue stick
- a ruler
- some coloured pencils (optional)
- a packet of tissues

Please also send your child in with a freshly filled water bottle every day and ensure they have a pair of trainers/plimsolls in their locker.

Basic Equipment for Every Day

Water bottle, Reading Record and reading books.

P.E. Kit

Shorts, t-shirt, trainers, jogging tops and bottoms - all named please.

Dates For Your Diary:

Swimming: Aspen only - Every Friday afternoon (from the 15th September)

Meet the Teacher: Thursday 14th September at 2:45pm (in 4 Maple)

Guildford trip: Thursday 12th October

Alice in Wonderland WOW Day: Wednesday 22nd November

See the website school calendar for up to date information throughout the year (please do check the website and Headlines first before ringing the school).

Homework:

Wednesday: 20 minutes' maths homework relating to the current or previous week's class work to be handed in on Friday. 'Mathletics' or 'Times Table Rock Stars' web-based tasks may sometimes be set as a homework. Children also need to be practising times tables at home to support school learning.

Friday: 20 minutes' English/topic or science to be handed in the following Wednesday. The children will have a list of key spellings for you to practise with them (they should write them out in the red homework book). These will be tested every Friday.

Reading: The children should be reading at home daily. This may include independent reading for more confident readers. Please make a signed note of your child's reading in the Reading Record (a minimum of 3 times a week). Reading Records will be checked every Monday and any children without the necessary signatures will need to stay in at break time to read.

Times tables: The children will be expected to practise their times tables regularly. Times Tables Rockstars is a great online resource that the children love - please focus on using the Soundcheck feature! We will be monitoring this regularly to see the children's progress.

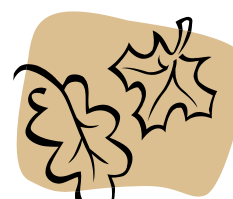
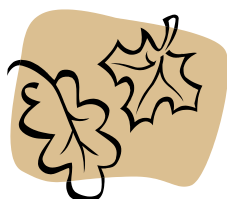
The Year Group Team

Aspen: Mrs Hamilton **Maple:** Mr McMullan

ELT teacher: Mrs Mumby

SCITT Trainee: Ms McLean

Year 4 TAs: Miss Eusden (Aspen) Mrs Hutt (Maple)



The Curriculum:

In English this term we will be studying Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland stories and a range of literature from other genres. The reading we will be doing will form the basis for creative writing, drama, research skills, grammar, comprehension and punctuation.



This term, in maths, we will be focussing on place value, addition and subtraction, geometry and using and applying maths. We will be encouraging the children to solve calculations efficiently using both mental and written methods.

Our topic is about the history of Guildford and the Industrial Revolution; this will include map work as well as our fabulous trip to Guildford.

In Science, we will be studying electricity and sound.

It is very important that you keep us up to date with any changes in personal details and circumstances so that both parents, in case of separation, for example, can receive all communications about their children.