

Year 4 Autumn Newsletter 2020

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 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@theraleigh.org and we can arrange a mutually convenient time. We're all looking forward to a fantastic academic year!

Miss Johnson and Miss Partridge



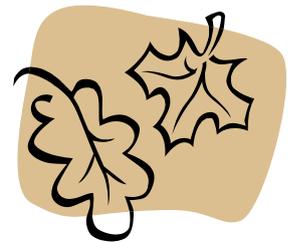
Pencil Case Alert!



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 small 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.



Date For Your Diary:

Alice in Wonderland Wow Day: Friday 9th October.
Swimming: TBC

See the website school calendar for up to date information throughout the year (please do check the website 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 need to also 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 also 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.

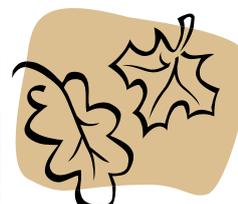
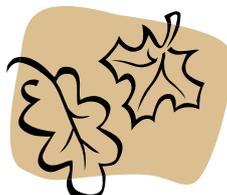
Times tables: The children will be expected to practise their times tables regularly. Times Tables Rockstars is a great resource online that the children love!

The Year Group Team

Aspen: Miss Johnson **Maple:** Miss Partridge

Year 4 TAs: Mrs Brown (Aspen) Miss Worwood (Aspen) Mrs Perrin (Aspen)
Miss Williams (Maple)

Extended Learning Team (ELT): Mrs Robinson (Mon-Thurs am)



The Curriculum:

In English this term we will be studying Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland stories and a range of 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 will include map work. 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.