

# Hemlington Hall Academy

## Year 4 - Autumn Newsletter

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### Out in the Wilds

Year 4 will escape the classroom this Autumn and be outside in all weathers for our 'Out in the Wilds' topic.



Every Thursday afternoon, we will brave the great outdoors but we will first teach the children how to dress correctly for all weathers. Activities will cover most curriculum subjects and our finale celebration will be 'Wild Country Week' where children will learn bushcraft skills and outdoor survival. Interest in our residential at Malham Tarn (23rd–25th November) has been fantastic so far... More news will follow shortly!

### English

Our focus throughout Year 4 will be to encourage writing stamina and develop positive attitudes towards writing. To begin with, children will learn a range of new sentence types and practise their use of paragraphs.

### Maths

We're off to a good start with securing our understanding of number skills and place value. We are also looking at the formal written methods for  $+$   $-$   $\times$   $\div$ . As ever, we remain focussed on our aim of the children knowing their times tables up to  $12 \times 12$  by the end of year 4 so please continue to support your child to learn them at home too.



### Science

Our Science topic this half term is 'Living things and their habitats' which we will cover through our work in 'Out in the Wilds'. Children need to know the life processes which all living things demonstrate, 'MRS GREN' will help them with this. Ask your child about her in a few weeks time!



### Spellings

Spellings are tested on Wednesdays and new spellings taught in school on Thursdays. We will follow the Year 4 'Spell Zoo' programme where we will find word lists based on homophones and a variety of prefixes and suffixes.



### Reading Records

We expect children to read at least three times per week at home. Reading books can be changed on **any day** and reading records are checked on Thursdays for evidence of reading. Y4 will change their library books on Friday afternoons.



### Homework

Homework will continue to be collected in on Thursdays and new homework set. If any spare copies are required they are available for children to collect in a 'spares' tray.



### PE

Our regular PE day is **Tuesday**.

Children will wear their PE kit which has been provided by school.



**Jewellery must not be worn!**

### iPad apps

Children have all been given an iPad for use in school. We use them to assist learning in a number of different ways. They can download most of the apps we use in school, at home for extra practise. Here is a quick round up of the ones we use most often:



- Showbie
- Explain Everything
- Squeebles
- I am learning Maths/English
- Morfo
- Book Creator
- Kodable
- Spell Fix

Dates for your diary

EVERY THURSDAY  
Kit needed for 'Out in the Wilds'

23rd–25th November  
Malham Tarn Residential visit

November Date TBC  
Wild Country Week  
Parents will be invited