



Year 4 Newsletter



Welcome to the first Year 4 newsletter of the year. Throughout the course of the year, you will be receiving monthly newsletters from the Year 4 team keeping you updated on all the exciting things we are currently learning about, as well as informing you about any important up and coming events or dates.

We have had a fantastic start to the academic year and it has been so lovely to see the children's eagerness to come back to school, spend time with their friends and enjoy classroom learning with their new teachers.

Hopefully you have all had the chance to watch the virtual 'Meet the Team' which is available on the school website (found under the 'School Info' tab). Please do take a look as it is a great opportunity for us to inform you all about what your children will be up to this year, as well as a chance for you to actually put a face to the name of your child's new teacher!

We are looking forward to a really successful year, full of exciting opportunities and, with your support at home, enabling your child to achieve their potential.

Warmest regards,
Miss Wheeler

Our Learning.

Since the start of term, Year 4 have been producing lots of fantastic work based upon the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. We have spent lots of time reflecting on recent events and thinking about the impact that it has had on ourselves, our families, our communities and the environment. This week, we have started our new writing unit based upon the book 'Stone Age Boy' which the children are really enjoying so far. In maths, we have concentrated on place value, focusing heavily on embedding key skills, which will undoubtedly support the children with all other areas of maths. In science, we have been learning about how to carry out investigations fairly and accurately, focusing on predictions, fair testing and scientific questions. We will work with the children to develop these key skills throughout the term. During DT, we have been learning about Stone Age artwork with the intention of building and creating our own Stone Age caves made from papier-mâché (it sounds messy but they will look amazing, I'm sure!) In History, we have been learning about Stone Age people, how they lived, how they hunted and gathered food. During RAW, the children have been learning about and reflecting upon 'If you do something wrong, can it be put right?' and in PSHE we have been looking at the school value of respect.

Communication.

If you would like to contact your child's class teacher, please e-mail: info@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk and we will ensure that all messages are passed onto them.

Should you wish to contact Miss Wheeler, please e-mail: swheeler@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk

Please be aware that staff have 5 working days to respond to all messages.

Hooke Court.

I am excited to inform you that the dates for this year's trip are:

Wednesday 16th June – Friday 18th June.

Our intention is for the trip to go ahead as planned (unless future guidance does not allow us to). Towards the end of September, an information video will be uploaded to the school website for you to watch, which will provide you with lots of information and hopefully answer any questions you may have. We will then send you further information regarding payment for the trip.

Homework.

Homework will be set every Wednesday and should be completed by the following Monday; homework for this year begins today.

Each week, there will be: **Spelling Shed, TT Rockstars and either a maths or English task along with reading 3x each week.**

Your child will be using Google Classroom to access their maths and English homework and are able to complete this online.

A couple of useful pieces of information to support your child:

- 1) Log into www.classroom.google.com
- 2) Sign in using the RDP username and add @ravenscote.school at the end (e.g. *JBloggs@ravenscote.school*)
- 3) Enter the RDP password but ensure that it is followed by a # (e.g. *Password#*)
- 4) Your child will then be able to view their homework and then submit it for their teacher to look at.

Last week, your child practised logging into Google Classroom so hopefully it is familiar to them. All logins for Google Classroom, Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars can be found in your child's reading record.

Multiplication Times Tables Check

During the "Meet the Team" video, we explained about the Multiplication Tables Check that your children will be sitting in June 2021. Below are a variety of websites which might be useful to use when supporting your children with their times table knowledge.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/primary-school-times-tables-tests-explained>

NEWSPAPERS!

As explained via Class Dojo last Friday, we are in need of some newspaper as the children will be creating their own Stone Age caves made from papier-mâché. We would really appreciate your help with this! Please send your child into school with some newspaper this Friday 25th September or early next week. Thank you in advance!



Weekend contact to the school

We ask that families only contact the school via email during weekdays. However, **if you need to tell us of a confirmed case of Covid-19 in your family, over the weekend, please email all of the following accounts:** head@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk, dharris@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk and info@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk (this way we can ensure your email is picked up and actioned).

Diary Dates

September	Individual photos: Thursday 24 th September (Y4)
October	Harvest: Monday 5 th October (wear blue) Half term: Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October
November	Back to school: Monday 2 nd November Parents' Evening: w/c 9 th November.
December	End of term: Friday 18 th December (12.45pm finish)
January	Back to school: Monday 4 th January
February	Half term: Monday 15 th February - Friday 19 th February Back to school: Monday 22 nd February
March	
April	End of term: Thursday 1 st April (12.45pm finish) INSET day: Monday 19 th April Back to school: Tuesday 20 th April
May	INSET day: Friday 28 th May Half term: Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June
June	Back to school: Monday 7 th June Hooke Court: Wednesday 16 th June – Friday 18 th June
July	End of term: Friday 16 th July (12.45pm finish) INSET day: Monday 19 th July INSET day: Tuesday 20 th July INSET day: Wednesday 21 st July

Work to be proud of!

Work to be celebrated in Year 4 comes from 4A this month! Well done Anika Volvatcar! I really enjoyed your poem titled 'Sky is....' You tried hard to include feelings and some elements of rhyme! Well done, keep up the hard work!

Sky is...

Sky is clear, crystal blue,
Sky has white, fluffy clouds that rains summer showers.
Sky makes me feel relaxed, calm and fresh.
Sky's sun is very bright, always shining its white light.

Harvest 2020

Right now, some of the world's poorest and most marginalised people don't have clean water to drink, decent toilets or hygiene. Without these basics, overcoming poverty is just a dream.

What can you do to help? This year, to give thanks for what we have this Harvest, the Ravenscote community would like to donate money to the WaterAid charity. On **Monday 5th October**, we would like to mark the occasion by letting pupils and staff come to school wearing their **best blue clothes** (no football kits please). In return, we kindly ask that you make a small donation to WaterAid online <https://www.wateraid.org/uk/donate>

Please do not send any money in to school with your child/children.

WaterAid has teams in 28 countries across the world, working to transform millions of lives every year by improving access to clean water, toilets and hygiene.

WaterAid just doesn't install taps and toilets, they do so much more. WaterAid convinces governments to change laws, link policy makers with people on the ground, pool knowledge and resources and rally support from people and organisations around the world, making lasting change happen on a massive scale.

On behalf of WaterAid, we would like to thank you for your kind donations. Let's help to make the world a better place in these hard times.

Thank you,
Saima Saleh
Religion and Worldviews Coordinator