



Felton Class—Year 4

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break, and are ready for 2023. Thank you for all of your lovely cards and gifts- they were very much appreciated by myself, Miss Tran and Mrs Ablitt!

As we enter a new year, I would like to provide you with some updates to your child's learning for this half-term. There are some exciting changes this term. We begin our swimming lessons next Wednesday. More details about this were sent to you in a separate letter yesterday. We also will have a trip linked to our new topic! More details on this to follow.

As always, if you have any concerns, queries or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me at the end of the school day. Alternatively, if you feel you need a longer discussion, please make an appointment to meet with me.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Allen

(Felton Class Teacher, Year 3/4 Phase Group Leader & Assistant Headteacher)

What We're Learning

English

At the beginning of this half term, we will read '*Tar Beach*' by Faith Ringgold. Our SPaG foci for this half-term will be clauses and speech punctuation, and your child will incorporate these features when writing their own versions of the story. By the end of this half-term, we will move to non-fiction writing, and link to our main project (more information overleaf.) Your child will learn about diary writing and they will write an entry about a river trip.

Maths

This half-term, we will continue with our learning on '*Multiplication*' and '*Division*'. Your child will learn methods for multiplying and dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. Following this, they will use this knowledge to help them when working with fractions. They will begin by recapping their knowledge of fractions from Year 3 by consolidating their understanding of the different parts of a fraction, and using this knowledge to compare fractions.

We have begun to prepare for the upcoming Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) that your child will complete in June 2023. Your child will complete weekly practice tests in school, and I will monitor your child's progress to support them ahead of the check.

R.E.

This half-term, your child will study the topics, '*Journeys*' and '*Sikhism*'. In '*Journeys*', your child will learn about how the experience of community is an essential and enjoyable part of life for people of every age and faith. They will learn about how the Christian life is about journeying with Christ and sharing his way of life. During our topic on '*Sikhism*', your child will learn the importance of the Gurdwara as a place Sikhs can come together as a community and how it and their activities there demonstrate their core values.



Main Project- Geography — ‘Misty Mountain, Winding River’

This half-term, your child will learn about the journey of a river, uses of a river and rivers of the world. They will then learn about mountain types and mountains in the UK, and further afield.

Science

Your child will study ‘States of Matter’. They will learn about solids, liquids and gases and their characteristic properties. They will observe how materials change state as they are heated and cooled, and learn key terminology.

Computing

Your child will continue to develop their coding skills this half-term, developing their existing skills in writing algorithms of code. They will also have the opportunity to experiment with how code can be used to make music.

Music

Your child will continue their weekly Music lessons with Mr Dixon, our specialist Music teacher, this half-term. They will explore cyclical patterns and rounds during their new topic.

D. T.

Your child will study the topic, ‘Functional and Fancy Fabrics’ this half-term. They will learn about the significant designer, William Morris. They will learn techniques for decorating fabric, including block printing.

P.E.

This half-term, your child will begin weekly swimming sessions on Wednesdays. They will be assessed during their first session, and grouped appropriately in order to develop their confidence in the water and their swimming skills.

M.F.L (Modern Foreign Language)

This half-term, our French sessions will be taught by Miss Slattery, McAuley Class’ teacher. Your child will continue to learn basic words and phrases, and develop their confidence when conversing in French.

Key Information & Reminders

- ◆ For the duration of the Spring Term, Felton Class will take part in **Indoor PE** on **Wednesdays**. Please ensure your child comes to school on Wednesdays with their swimming kit. The details of this have been sent in a separate letter.
- ◆ Weekly Spelling and Times Tables Tests will continue to take place on a **Monday**. Your child's scores will be recorded in the back of their reading record every week- please continue to monitor these.
- ◆ Please ensure your child brings their water bottle everyday to school—think of their water bottle as part of their uniform!
- ◆ The cold weather continues! Please ensure your child wears a jumper and coat to school every day. If they wear gloves, hats or scarves, please ensure they are clearly labelled.
- ◆ As we have begun preparing for the Multiplication Tables Check, please continue to support your child at home with practising using a PC or iPad. Use the link sent following last half- term's Coffee Morning. If you need any support with this, please let me know.

Dates for Your Diary

- ⇒ **Wednesdays (from Wednesday 11th January) –**
Swimming Lessons
- ⇒ **Thursday 19th January—3:30– 8:30pm Pupil**
Progress Parents' Evening

*(Please make an appointment when the form is sent via ParentMail)

“Education is the most
powerful weapon
which you can use to
change the world.”
- Nelson Mandela

Miss Allen's Fab Five!

1. **DEAR**— Drop Everything And Read! Reading every single day is essential to help you with all areas of your learning. Reading underpins all that we do, and in order to develop your reading skills, you must read as often as you can!
2. **Times Tables**— You must practise your times tables, and corresponding division facts in order to develop instant recall. This means knowing your times tables without having to count on your fingers.
3. **Spellings**— There are many words that we need to write that can be tricky to spell. You must learn the spelling rules and then apply these when writing, in order to improve your written pieces.
4. **Little and Often!** Remember, this is Miss Allen's approach to homework. I would much rather you spend 5 minutes practising your spellings/ times tables daily, than half an hour once a week.
5. **Try, and try again** — Mistakes are part of the learning process, and I won't expect you to get everything correct first time. Remember, all I ask is that you *try your best!*