



✦ Threads and Traditions ✦



Autumn Term Newsletter - Year 4 Mrs John



Dear Parents and Carers,



This term our theme is Threads and Traditions. The children will be exploring how clothes and celebrations show our identity and belonging, and how we can make more sustainable choices for the future.



In the first half of term, we will be focusing on Fashion Through the Ages, discovering how clothes have changed over time and what they tell us about people's lives. With the help of students from the University of South Wales, children will design and create their own pieces using recycled materials, learning to make sustainable choices.



In the second half of term, we will move on to Festivals. We will be learning about different celebrations from around the world, the traditions and values behind them, and how communities come together to celebrate. There will be lots of opportunities for art, music, design technology, and storytelling.



PE – Mondays



- Children must bring their PE kit to school to change into.
- Hair tied back and no jewellery (including earrings).
- Please encourage your child to be independent in remembering their kit each week.



Reading – every day



- Reading books and reading records should be brought into school every day.
- We will be reading daily – not only from the school reading scheme, but also a wide range of other literature.
- Reading is about much more than finishing a book – it's about building confidence, vocabulary, and a love of stories.



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Homework & Spellings



- Homework will be set on Fridays and due in by the following Wednesday.
- Please make sure homework is uploaded to the Assignment tab on Teams (not the general chat).
- Spellings will be given out on Fridays with a test the following Friday.
- A Spelling Menu has been provided with fun activities to help children learn their spellings.



Resilience and Independence



This year we will be focusing on building the children's independence and resilience. You can help by encouraging your child to:



- Pack their own bag and PE kit.
- Upload their homework with minimal support.
- Keep trying, even when something feels tricky.



Teams Support & Contact



- Mrs Gogherty will be running a weekly Teams workshop on Wednesdays at 3.30pm to help parents with navigating Teams.
- To contact me, please click on my icon in Teams to find my email address.



Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a creative and fun-filled term where the children can explore how people dress, celebrate and belong, while learning to make thoughtful and sustainable choices.



Warm regards,



Mrs John

Year 4 Class Teacher and KS2 Leader

