



Year Four Newsletter

September, 2026



Hello everyone! A huge welcome from the Year 4 team (Mrs Johnson 4RJ & Miss Mackay 4AM) to the Autumn Term! We hope you all had an amazing summer and this newsletter finds you all well.

Website Reminder

To keep you up to date with useful and helpful information regarding dates and activities, as well as with your child's learning, achievements and progress, we will be continually updating our website throughout the term.

To access this information, make sure you visit the class pages on the academy website regularly. Find us at: www.oldcleepprimaryacademy.co.uk then click the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Group' and Year 4.

Social Media Reminder

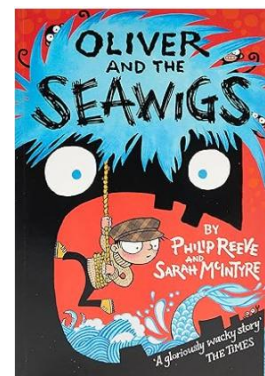
We are regularly using our school social media account, so please follow us on Facebook (@Old Clee Primary Academy) to see what the children have been up to! Another great place to look is the News and Events section of our school website as this is updated regularly with all the fabulous things we get up to!



Curriculum

During Autumn in Maths, Year Four will be focusing on the four basic operations (adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing), as well as place value and partitioning numbers. There will be a huge focus on mastering our Times Tables this year ready for the National Multiplication Check in the Summer Term! We will also be learning all about perimeter and properties of shape. In English, there will be plenty of opportunities for the children to engage in reading - in our class ERIC time (both 1:1 with the class teacher, and independently) and within our class 'BUG Club' sessions, where the children will begin with reading and learning about Mary Anning. Our writing will focus on learning, using and applying a range of SPaG skills which relate to a wide range of different genres: Fiction, Non-Fiction and Poetry. We will begin the term with 'Oliver and the Seawigs'!

In addition to this, we have an exciting range of curriculum coverage to learn throughout the Autumn Term. In History, the children will be learning all about the Ancient Egyptians. We will be looking at: the creation of Ancient Egypt, the many different rulers, why the pyramids were built on such a grand scale, the daily life of pharaohs and ordinary people and the preservation of the body and the afterlife. In Geography, we are delving into North America, different Landscapes and International Trade. In Science, the children will be learning about classification of different animals, as well as the digestive system of humans in Biology, investigating solids, liquids and gases in Chemistry, and how sound and vibrations travel in Physics. We will also be looking at the artist Edvard Munch and his technique of symbolism and painting in Art, as well as learning about food in Design Technology! We will be learning about bread and how to make it. As always, the children will also be learning how to be a SUPERB citizen each week in Personal Development (Self-Aware, Unique, Problem Solving, Empathetic, Responsible and Benevolent).



Class Book

Habits of Mind

Across the academy, we encourage children to develop six **Habits of Mind** that help them become confident, resilient and independent learners:

Striving for Accuracy – taking care and checking our work.

Persisting – keeping going when things are challenging.

Questioning and Problem Posing – being curious and asking thoughtful questions.

Thinking and Communicating Clearly and Precisely – explaining our ideas clearly.

Thinking Interdependently – listening, sharing ideas and working well with others.

Thinking Flexibly – being open to new ideas and different ways of thinking.

These habits help our children approach learning with **curiosity, confidence and resilience**.



Habits of Mind



Striving for accuracy <i>Check it again!</i>  ✓ Doing your best. ✓ Setting high standards. ✓ Fact checking. ✓ Finding ways to improve.	Persisting <i>Stick to it!</i>  ✓ Persevering in task through to completion. ✓ Remaining Focused. ✓ Looking for ways to reach your goal when stuck. ✓ Not giving up.	Question and problem posing <i>How do you know?</i>  ✓ Having a questioning attitude. ✓ Knowing what data are needed and developing questioning strategies to produce those data. ✓ Finding problems to solve.
Thinking and communicating with clarity and precision <i>Be clear!</i>  ✓ Trying my best to share my thoughts and ideas clearly when I speak and when I write. ✓ I make sure not to stretch the truth, leave important parts out, or make things sound bigger or smaller than they really are.	Thinking interdependently <i>Work together!</i>  ✓ Being able to work in and learn from others in reciprocal situations. ✓ Team work.	Thinking flexibly <i>Look at it Another Way!</i>  ✓ Looking at things in a different way. ✓ Able to think of new ideas and different ways to solve a problem. ✓ Being able to stop, think, and choose the best option.



Homework, Spelling, Times tables and KIRFS

Your child will be bringing homework home each Friday. The homework will be 10 spelling words and Maths Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFS). These can be found in your child's home/school contact book. Your child will also have personal times tables set on TT Rock Stars each week. Please also encourage them to recall these out loud and in a random order. This is especially important in Year 4, as at the end of the year, the children will take part in the National Government Multiplication Check. Thank you for your continued support with this- we know how busy home life can be!

P.E.

All children will need to attend school in **appropriate outdoor kit (plain navy or black- please refer to our school PE kit policy or ask if unsure) on their allocated PE day. This will be every WEDNESDAY for the whole year group along with every MONDAY (for 4RJ) AND Friday (for 4AM).** Earrings will also need to be removed prior to the P.E. session as for health and safety reasons, this cannot be done by a member of staff or another child in the class, so please manage this at home. Please also be mindful of the changeable British weather, and choose appropriate kit to send your child in.

P.E Spotlight

Year 4 will focus on Invasion Games: 3 Hoop Ball & Striking and Fielding: Quick Cricket

Key Vocab for Invasion Games will include: Power, Accuracy, Chest Pass, Bounce Pass, Overhead pass Encourage, Support, Effort, Empathy.

Key Vocab for Cricket will include: Strike, Power, Accuracy, Target

Water Reminder

We recommend that all children bring a clearly labelled water bottle in to school daily. This must contain fresh water only. For hygiene reasons, they must be taken home, washed and refilled daily. They can be refilled during the school day but anything other than water will not be allowed to be consumed unless you can provide written medical evidence from your GP. On receiving this you will then need to fill in a Medical Health Care plan. See section 4. If your child has a packed lunch, a second drink should be included. However, no fizzy drinks are allowed to be brought into school. Children having school lunches will be provided with water.

Dates for your Diary

PE: Wednesday (ALL) as well as Monday (4RJ) and Friday (4AM)

Every Friday: Spellings and KIRFs given out. (KIRFs every fortnight)

Autumn 2: Swimming (Details to come)

9th November: Egyptian Workshop

Kindest Regards,

The Year Four Teaching Team.

