

Year 4 Newsletter

Avondale
Primary School



Autumn 2

We have had a fantastic start to the year. The children have settled in to Year 4 life really well. They have demonstrated a fantastic attitude towards their learning so far.

It was lovely to see so many of you on Parents' evening and meet you all. We would like to thank you for your support with this. It certainly does make a difference and is important that we can share your child's successes and areas to improve on.

Please regularly check our blog and Facebook page for updates. Our class page on the school website also has lots of links for extra support in various subjects as well. Our year 4 blog on Purple Mash will inform your child of their weekly maths and spelling homework.

Miss Wormald and Mr Frankish

Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 13th November – Michael Rosen poetry day event
- Friday 14th November – Recycling Talk with BWDBC.
- W/C 24th November – Assessment Week
- Friday 28th November – Christmas Craft Day
- Wednesday 3rd December – Pantomime in School – Jack and the Beanstalk
- Saturday 6th December – Christmas Fair
- Monday 15th December – Autumn Term Report Cards issued.
- Monday 15th December – EYFS Performance 2.15pm
- Tuesday 16th December – EYFS Performance 6.00pm
- Monday 15th December – Year 1-2 Performance – 6.00pm
- Wednesday 17th December – Year 1-2 Performance – 2.15pm
- Tuesday 16th December – Year 4-5 Performance – 2.15pm
- Wednesday 17th December – Year 4-5 Performance – 6.00pm
- Thursday 18th December – Year 3 Carols Around the Tree – 2.15pm
- Thursday 18th December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day
- Friday 19th December – Break up for Christmas Holidays – 1.30pm

Friendly Reminders

Please make sure you send your child to school only with the things they need. These include; a coat, their packed lunch (if needed), a water bottle (water only) and their reading book (daily).

Reading books need to be brought to school every day. They can be changed once your child has completed it. Before changing their book, they will complete a short online quiz about the book in school, to show their understanding. In addition, we encourage the children to read other material at home as well to increase their reading miles. Please read at least five times a week at home.

Spellings will be added to the year 4 blog on a Friday and will be reviewed the following Friday. A spelling assignment to complete will be put on Spelling Shed. Maths homework will be set online on either My Maths or TT Rockstars to be completed by the following Friday.

For Autumn term 2, PE will be Forest Schools. This will take place on Tuesday for 4W and Thursday for 4F. Please ensure full outdoor kit is in school for these days.



What we are studying

Maths

This term, we will be concentrating on written methods for subtraction, measure and area and multiplication and division. Please continue to encourage your child to practice their times tables at home. It really does have an impact on their maths learning. It will enable your child to focus on the skill of completing the written methods rather than the calculation. Weekly Maths HW will be set on MyMaths or Purple Mash to reinforce what we have been learning in class that week.

English

In English, we will be writing Stories with Dilemmas. We will look at the features of story writing and learn how to use them in our own stories.

Please check the year 4 blog for weekly spellings to be learnt. They will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday. A paper copy of your child's spellings will also be sent home with their test result on. An assignment to help with learning spellings will be put on Spelling Shed.

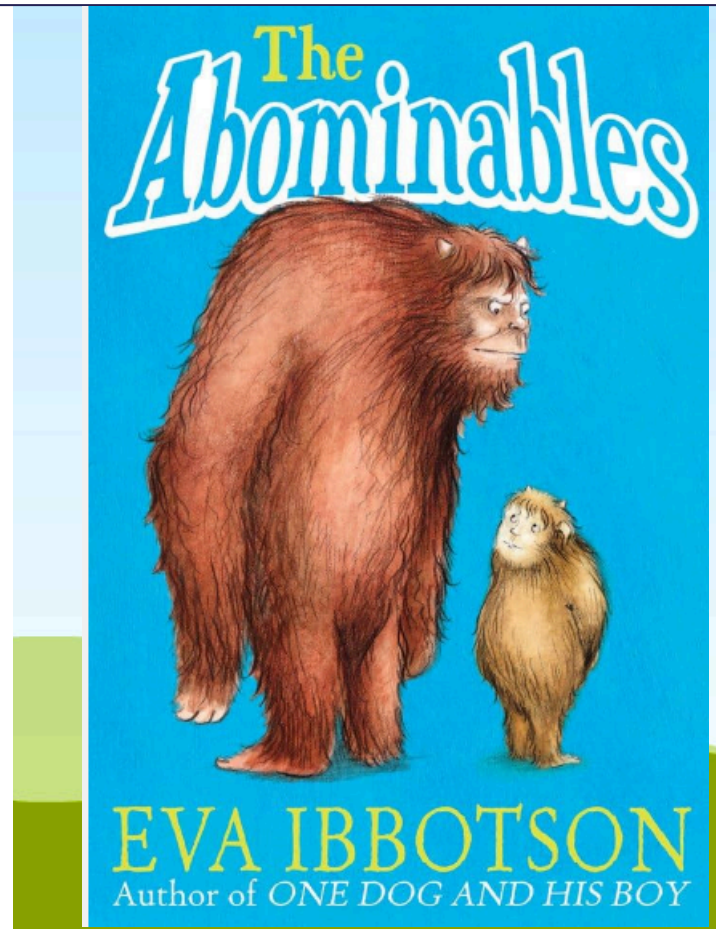
Geography

Our Geography Topic this term is called 'Magnificent Mountains'. We will be learning all about how mountains are formed and where they are in the world.

Key Vocabulary– alpine altitude, avalanche, crevasse, drainage, elevation, erosion, glacier, moraine, pass, range, ravine.

The PSHE theme for this half term is 'Celebrating Differences'.

In PE we will be taking part in Forest Schools



Our class novel is 'The Abominables' by Eva Ibbotson.

Science

We will be looking at sound during our Science lessons. We will investigate how sound is created and how we hear.

Key Vocabulary– vibrate, vibration, vibrating, air, medium, ear, hear, sound, volume, pitch, faint, fainter, loud, louder, string, percussion, woodwind, brass, insulate

DT

This half term in DT we will be learning that a healthy diet is made up from a variety and balance of different food and drink, as depicted in The 'Eat Well Plate'. We will then be designing, planning and making a healthy bread-filled product using the correct equipment and ingredients.