

Grade 4 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back!

We hope everyone has had a relaxing and stress free summer holiday, and that your children are ready for an exciting 2021 at Seaford North Primary School!

Literacy

Students will continue to explore fiction and non-fiction texts during our Reader's Workshop sessions. Lessons will aim at further developing reading strategies such as: building fluency, accuracy and expanding vocabulary. We will also work on comprehension strategies such as making connections, inferring and predicting.

Writing this term will focus on recount and explanation texts. Towards the end of each of these units, students will complete a 'Big Write' to demonstrate their learning.

Grammar lessons will target the following: VCOP, adjectives, adverbs, quotation marks, synonyms, antonyms, paragraph structure (PEEL), modality and punctuation revision.

Unit of Inquiry

For our first Unit of Inquiry, 'How We Organise Ourselves', students will be exploring what it means to live in a Democratic society, the freedoms we enjoy and the role of local government.

Students have already begun to break down the central idea 'Within Democratic societies, decision making is a shared process' and have formulated questions that will drive their future learning.

Term 1, 2021



Upcoming Events

- Meet the Teacher (March 3rd and 4th)
- Labour Day Public Holiday (Monday, 8th March)
- School Photo Day (Tuesday, 16th March)
- Final Day Term 1 (Thursday, 1st April)

Numeracy

This term in Maths, students will participate in 'M.A.T.H. Workshops'. These differentiated workshops will focus on the following areas of Number; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In addition to this, we will learn about time, data representation, 2D/3D shape and area.

Learning to solve worded problems by utilising the CUBES approach, and practising the 'Find a pattern' strategy will also be a focus this term.

Throughout the term we will use Essential Assessment to conduct pre- and post-tests to ensure we are planning the most relevant lessons for students.

Don't forget your child can use Mathletics to reinforce their learning about any of the topics covered.

The Resilience Project

We are continuing to implement The Resilience Project in classrooms this year. We cover the benefits of **Gratitude**, **Empathy** and **Mindfulness**, and easy ways to practise these in everyday life.

Please ensure if you haven't already, to purchase the student workbook from the office.

Digital Technologies

This year, students will have many exciting opportunities to explore digital technologies and how to stay safe online. We will be having lessons that focus on private and personal information, digital footprints, digital systems and exploring computer coding.

Homework

Homework will commence in Week 4 and students are required to complete the following tasks and have them signed off by a parent/guardian.

- Reading (three nights)
- Three activities from the Spelling Choice Board
- Assigned Mathematics tasks (online)

Homework is due every Friday.

Week 1 - 3 Recap

It has been an exciting first few weeks for Grade 4 students at Seaford North Primary School! Students have been settling in extremely well to their new spaces, and have begun their Grade 4 journey with enthusiasm and creativity. Students have set goals they would like to achieve over the course of the year, and there have been many positive friendships built in just a short period time.

Students discussed what they would like their classroom environments to look like, sound like and feel like through a 'look, feel, sound' activity. This helped drive the collaborative creation of 4G, 4M and 4W's Essentials Agreements. These help to establish expectations as to how students will learn and behave in order to achieve their best. Essential Agreements are displayed in each respective classroom.

Specialist Classes and Grade 4 Sport

	P.E.	Mandarin	Visual Arts	Science
4G	Friday	Friday	Friday	Monday
4M	Friday	Friday	Friday	Monday
4W	Friday	Friday	Friday	Monday

Grade 4 Sport which is run by classroom teachers will take place every Thursday.