

Europe Class Autumn News



A very big welcome to all our Year 4 children and families!

The Year 4 teaching team are very excited for the year ahead and to be part of the Europe Class team!

The team for this year will be:
Mrs Masson on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
and Mrs Loose on Thursday and Friday,
with the support of Mrs Gittus, Mrs Howe, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Briggs and Mrs Wooldridge.

Our class animal this year is the Grey Wolf. Grey wolves are curious, kind, work together and never give up! All these traits will inspire us to be awesome learners!

The Curriculum - 'Here Come the Romans!'

This term we will start our **Journey of Discovery** with a geography focus, revisiting the continents and oceans of the world and then zooming into Europe and landing in Italy. We will study modern day Italy before going back in time to the Romans! We will learn what life was like in Britain before the arrival of the Romans, the changes that they brought and the legacies they left behind. Expect a pizza cooking experience and a trip to Colchester castle this term!
(Details of the trip to follow in the next few weeks.)

Our **writing** this half term is based on a beautiful picture book called 'Float' by Daniel Miyares to give us inspiration for writing our own narrative texts. After half term, we will be writing a persuasive non-narrative text in the style of a holiday brochure about Sicily.

In **maths**, we will be learning place value of four digit numbers; addition and subtraction; measurement with a focus on area and finally, multiplication and division.

As this year is an important year for multiplication, will also be practising our times tables using Times Table Rockstars to improve our fluency and consolidate our knowledge of times table facts up to 12x12.

Reading is of course a very important part of learning and we encourage children to read every day at home and ask that parents and carers record this in the yellow reading records. In school, we have a 30 minute daily reading session, where children may read to a member of the teaching team, work on comprehension skills independently or as part of a group or have the opportunity to read for pleasure.

This term our PE sessions will be on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure that the children wear correct PE kit on these days. A reminder please that no hooded, zipped or branded sweatshirts are to be worn.

Water bottles need to be in school every day to keep our grey wolves hydrated!

A final plea: could you please ensure that all lunchboxes, water bottles and items of clothing - particularly coats, jumpers and cardigans - are clearly named. This really does make a huge difference and helps us to swiftly return any lost property to its owner!

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning or their time in school, please do get in touch. We cannot reply to any messages on Class Dojo, but you can catch us briefly at the door in the morning to arrange a meeting, pass messages through the office or send an email to admin@risbyprimary.com.

Key dates

Tuesday 15th September: Meet the teacher (for Year 4 class) - 3pm

Thursday 24th September: Harvest Festival at St Giles Church

Friday 25th September: Non-uniform Day

Wednesday 7th October: Individual school photos

Monday 19th October: Parent Consultations

Wednesday 21st October: Parent consultations

Friday 23rd October: PD Day

Monday 26th October - Friday, 30th October: Half Term

Friday 20th November: Children in Need

Thursday 15th December: Year 4-6 Christmas Play Performance - 2pm & 6pm

Wednesday 16th December: Risby Christmas Day & Dinner

Thursday 17th December: Christmas service at St Giles Church

We have a very exciting term ahead!

We look forward to welcoming everybody into school each morning and helping the children believe, grow and shine as we work together.

With best wishes,
the Year 4 teaching team.



*Inspired by the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13), Risby CEVC Primary School provides the good soil where every child can **Believe, Grow and Shine**, flourishing in God's love.*