

Year 4 Newsletter



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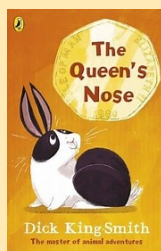


Dear Families,

We hope you had a fantastic summer break and a lovely start to this half-term. We have loved welcoming you all back to Admirals Academy.

In **maths**, we are learning about column addition and subtraction and how place value tools such as base 10, part-whole, and bar models can help support our working out.

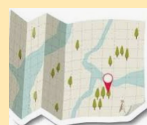
In **reading** our core text is **'The Queen's Nose' by Dick King-Smith**. It is a magical book about Harmony Parker, a twelve-year-old girl who loves animals, who receives a magical 50 pence coin from her Uncle Ginger that can grant wishes when Queen Elizabeth II's nose is rubbed. We will explore different skills to interpret, retrieve and infer information in a text.



In **writing**, we will learn how to use superlatives, rhetorical questions and slogans in a persuasive advert. We will also learn the difference between direct and reported speech, write in the past tense from the first person perspective and use a range of sentence structures by writing a diary entry.

In **science** this half term, we are learning about cells and nutrients, including how the body processes food and why having a balanced diet is important.

In **geography**, we focus on understanding maps of different scales and how to use grid references to locate various places on those maps.



Our topic in **history** this term is Ancient Greece. We will learn about Alexander the Great and how he built a vast empire. As the concept of empire is revisited, we will compare his achievements with those of other military leaders. We will use our knowledge of world geography to recognise the size of Alexander's empire and begin to understand how culture, religion and language can spread as an empire grows.

Year 4 team

Important Dates

2 & 3 Oct - Parents Evening

3 Oct - Photo day

14 Oct - Assessment Week

Home Learning

Weekly homework is set every **Thursday** and is due back into class on the following **Tuesday**.

Weekly homework is:

- Spellings (1 activity per week)
- Maths (1 activity every other week and TT rockstars)
- Reading (4x a week + reading comprehension every other week.)



All homework will be sent home in an A4 exercise book and details of log ins

PE

This half-term, our PE unit of work **Tag Rugby & Gymnastics**. PE will be every **Thursday**. Please ensure your child arrives in school in the correct PE kit - A plain white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers.



Career Related Learning

The Wonderful World of Work

This half term, we are focusing on jobs that use **Science**. *BBC Bitesize - Jobs that use Science* has a wide range of job profiles - from a dance choreographer, to a midwife, to a beekeeper!



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