

## Important Dates

**11th September:** Meet the teacher materials released  
**27th September:** Harvest celebration 'Harvest around the world'. Donations to the food bank.  
**15th October:** Parent information videos released  
**21st October:** Happy School Bag Collection  
**23rd October:** Black History Day  
**26th October–30th October:** Half term  
**2nd November:** INSET DAY  
**10th/11th November:** Parent consultations  
**2nd November:** Well-being week  
**W/C 23rd November:** House History quiz  
**16th December:** School Virtual Christmas sharing released  
**18th December:** Term ends 2pm



## Reading

Our guided reading text this term will be **Alice in Wonderland**.

All children have a reading record book which they are expected to take home and bring into school daily. Children may use school library books or bring in an age appropriate book from home. Please listen to your child read at least **three times per week** in order to help them increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text.  
 If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record, please let us know as soon as possible.

## Events this term

There will be no swimming for Year 4 this term.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party— Wednesday 14th October

There will be more details to follow about the Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

# Autumn Term 2020

## Welcome to Year 4

We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer holiday and are ready for the exciting year ahead.

This year, Miss Kavanagh will be joining us at Northgate School and will be teaching Class 7. Miss Adams will be teaching Class 8. Mrs Riggs and Mrs Morgan will be supporting the children in class.

If you have any questions, please leave a message with the office or send us any non-urgent message on eschools.



## Topic

This term our topic is 'Potions'. The children will be writing newspaper reports and creating their own stories based on the book of Alice in Wonderland. They will also be designing and creating a healthy potion (smoothie) in design and technology and learning about The Great Plague in history.

In the second half term, our topic will be 'Misty Mountain Sierra'. Our geography will focus on different mountain ranges around the world and locating them on a map. In art we will be printing and in science we will learn all about electricity!

## PE Kit

PE lessons are on **Mondays and Fridays** for both classes.

Children will need to come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE. They will wear their kit for the whole day.

**Warm weather**—green shorts, white t-shirt and trainers

**Cold weather**—green shorts, white t-shirt, trainers and a green tracksuit

## Home Learning

Homework will be uploaded to eschools and a paper copy will be sent home with your child on a **Friday**. This will be due in the following **Wednesday**.

Home tasks will vary between English, Maths and Topic.

Children will also be provided with spellings to learn and these will be tested on the following **Thursday**.

Home Learning should be completed in pencil and should take about 30 minutes to complete.



## Maths

Your child's Maths lessons this term will focus on a range of topics, including:

- Place Value of 3 and 4 digit numbers
- Addition and subtraction (mental and formal strategies)
- Time
- Multiplication and division (mental and formal strategies)

We would be grateful if you could support your child in learning their times tables (up to 12x12) at home.

Year Four will be completing the National Times tables test in the summer term. More information will be provided to parents at a later date.

## Drop Off / Pick Up

Children need to be dropped off at 8:45am and picked up at 3:15pm. Class 7 come in through the main gate and Class 8 through the side gate. Please collect your child from the playground at the end of the day. In the interest of everyone's safety, please do not gather in groups and leave promptly once you have collected your child.