



Ducks and Swans Term 1 and 2 Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

We are so pleased to be welcoming Ducks and Swans into Year 4 and back to Newlands.



It is going to be an exciting term, our topic is Misty Mountains and through this we will be reading Asha and the spirit bird by Jasbinder Bilan . In History we will be exploring the ancient civilisations of The

Indus Valley , in Science we are going to look at changing states of matter and in Geography, we will be taking a journey through India to The Himalayas in Nepal.

Maths

We will be following a Mathematics Mastery approach at Newlands. Mathematics Mastery's mission is to enable all learners to enjoy and succeed in mathematics. We want learners to think about maths and to be equipped with an understanding of mathematics that will be relevant and useful in their future studies and/or in the world of work. It is designed to provide learners with a deep conceptual understanding of mathematical principles, the ability to confidently communicate in precise mathematical language while becoming mathematical thinkers.

P.E.

The children will be having PE on a Thursday and on those days we ask that you send the children in to school in their PE kits, they will wear these all day.

Homework

We will be giving the children a sheet with the homework for the next two terms that they should work their way through. It is preferred that the children use Google Classroom to send in their homework and all the children have their logins stuck into their homework books. There will also be spelling homework and times table practise. The children will be awarded house points for each piece of work done.

Reading

As always, reading is a real priority and we would encourage you to listen to your child read every evening. There is a virtual Reading Record book on Google Classroom to write on.. For each 5 times the children have read they will get a raffle ticket which enters them into a prize draw at the end of each term.

The library is really keen for people to sign up for library cards . You can complete this form online.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/borrow-library-items/join-library-cards-and-pin>

Through the library , children can access ebooks from all of the libraries in Kent and now the libraries are beginning to open, can borrow books too. Once the children have joined the library they can also access their ebooks at school.

If you need some suggestions for books to read have a look at

<https://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk/lists/34/Year-4-age-8-9>

This site can recommend books by age group or genre and will give an extract to read to see if your child likes it.

This is another site that can help with recommendations.

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-4-pupils-ks2-age-8-9/>

Marvellous Me

We will be setting up Marvellous Me which is a parent/school communication system . We will use this to share news with you and to show you the fantastic things your child is getting up to. Please sign up as soon as you receive the invitation.Details to follow.

We are really looking forward to the Year ahead !

Mrs Kent, Mrs Mallett, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Cackett and Mrs Roberts.