

Year 4 Newsletter (Autumn)

Our topic this term: **The Golden Ticket**

We would just like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year 4!

- Panda Class will be taught by Miss Gorringer, Mr Hackett and Miss Phillips
- Panther Class will be taught by Mr Cooper, Mrs Kanyuka and Miss Roe

English

We continue to follow the Talk 4 Writing approach when teaching English at Beecroft Academy. Our new genre for the term is **traditional tales** and we will be studying the text **The Magic Chocolate Pot**. The children will be learning the text and then creating our own version. We have provided a copy for you to share at home. Later in the term we will look at **information texts**. We will share a copy of this text with you when our new unit starts. Our class reader is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.



At home:

Spelling – The children all have a spelling book which is sent home along with reading records. Spellings should be practised at home and school daily.

Handwriting - We are having a big push on handwriting. Help children by showing them how to form letters correctly, including in their homework books.

Reading- Read with your child each evening and write a comment in their reading diary. We are also encouraging the children to read more for pleasure, so we advise regular trips to the library.

English homework is set fortnightly on a Friday.

Maths

In maths we are concentrating on **number and place value, written calculation methods, shape and fractions**.

By the end of Year 4 the children need to know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12. We will be practising times tables daily in school.



At home:

Times tables- We are trying extremely hard to achieve our times tables championships in Year 4. Please practise times tables at home with your child. Maths homework is set fortnightly on a Friday

PE

Our PE slots for the year are as follows:

Panda Class – Tuesday and Friday

Panther Class – Tuesday and Friday

To help us out please could their PE kits be in school all week. One session will be outside each week, so please ensure your child has black tracksuit trousers and a red Beecroft jumper especially as the weather gets colder. Your child will be trying their hand at multi-sports and gymnastics this term.

At home:

PE kit should be a white t-shirt, black or blue coloured shorts, black tracksuit trousers, red jumper and trainers or plimsolls. Make sure all their kit is labelled clearly with their name and class and is kept in a named bag in a box.

Creative curriculum

Our topic this half term is **The Golden Ticket**. The children will be learning all about chocolate; where it originates, how it is produced, its history and how it is marketed.

At home:

Each week your child will bring home their homework log. In this you will receive fortnightly maths and English homework and their work linked to the creative curriculum. You and your child may choose to complete any of the activities on the front sheet of your log when you would like.



Science:

In our science lessons in Year 4 we will be looking closely at different **states of matter**. We will be categorising a range of materials and planning and carrying out investigations.

Reminders and dates

Uniform: Please make sure that all new uniform is clearly labelled in case it is misplaced. That way it can be returned to the correct class as soon as it is located.

Website: Remember to check the class pages regularly for newsletters, texts, updates and photos from work in class.

Homework: This will be sent home every Friday and is due in on the Wednesday of the week after. Homework will now be set by the class teacher and will be weekly. It will alternate between Maths and English.

Tuesday 13th September- Roald Dahl dress up day

Friday 23rd September- Jeans for genes day

Friday 30th September- School photographs

Friday 14th October- Halloween disco

Friday 11th November – Panda Class assembly

Friday 18th November – Panther Class assembly

Thursday 8th December- Visit to Cadbury's World (Letter to follow in due course)

The Magic chocolate pot

Once there was a poor girl who lived with her mother. They were often hungry. Early one morning when the girl was crying with hunger, an old lady appeared. She wore a shabby coat, leather boots and had a strange smile on her face.

"What's the matter?" she asked.

"I'm hungry," said the girl nervously.

"Well you shall never be hungry again," said the old lady, taking out a tiny cooking pot.

"Whenever you are hungry say this to the pot: 'Cook, little pot, cook!' and it will cook you all the chocolate pudding you could want. When you have had enough chocolate, say to the pot: 'Stop, little pot, stop!'"

Delighted, the girl and her mother ate chocolate pudding for many weeks.

Early one morning the girl went out. Meanwhile the mother, who was feeling hungry said, "Cook, little pot, cook!" The pot cooked the chocolate pudding but the mother forgot she had to make it stop. Unfortunately, when her mother looked back there was a huge pile of chocolate pudding on the floor! Still the pot went on cooking.

Soon the chocolate pudding filled the house and spilled onto the streets. Quickly, it flowed through the school and gugged into the playground. Still the pot went on cooking.

When the girl returned, her mother yelled, "Quick, make the pot stop."

"Stop, little pot, stop!" shouted the girl. The pot stopped cooking at last... But the villagers started eating.