



BISHOPSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Year 4 Autumn 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable half term break. We are very much looking forward to the second part of the Autumn Term. The following letter includes some reminders and an outline of the term ahead.

Learning Challenge

In our new topic, "How Do We Make Sound?" we will learn how sounds are created, focusing on how vibrations play a key role in making noise. The children will discover that these vibrations travel through different materials to reach our ears, helping us hear. We'll also explore how the pitch of a sound is linked to the object that produces it, and how the volume of sound relates to the strength of vibrations. We will also be busy preparing for our Lower School Christmas performance, *The Amazing Advent Calendar*. The children will be working hard rehearsing their lines and practising the songs and we're excited to share their efforts with you soon!

Uniform

It has been pleasing to see so many of Year 4 coming back from half term, looking smart in their school uniform. Please ensure that any new items of clothing or footwear follow the uniform policy. As the weather begins to change, please ensure that your child comes to school with a suitable coat. Please make sure that uniform, bags, coats, shoes and lunch boxes are clearly labelled to avoid a build-up of lost items! Please do continue to ensure that the children bring in and take their water bottles home at the end of each day.

PE

Our P.E. day continues to be on a Thursday. Trainers, tracksuit bottoms or leggings, and school jumpers should be worn on these days due to the colder weather. P.E. this term will focus on multi-skills and hockey. For safety, long hair must be tied back and earrings should be either removed or securely taped.

Homework

A big thank you to all parents for supporting your child with their homework last half term. We've been really impressed with the high standard of work! If you have any questions about homework, please feel free to contact us. Here is a quick reminder of our homework expectations:

- Read at least 3 times a week (with your child's reading logged and signed in their homework diary by Friday)
- Practise weekly spelling words (tested and given out on Fridays)
- Complete one task from the Learning Challenge homework grid (due in every Monday)

Additionally, the children should be accessing Times Tables Rock Stars each week to help reinforce their skills.

Important Dates

Anti-Bullying week (w.c. 17th November)

Year 3/4 Christmas play – Wednesday 10th & Friday 12th December. Times will be confirmed.

Thank you for your support; please feel free to approach any of us regarding any queries.

Miss Price & Mr Mahony

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Bishopswood Federation work together to develop kind and considerate children who are resilient, reflective and motivated learners, ready for the challenges that the future holds.

At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.

Year 4	Autumn 2 – How Do We Make Sound?
Subject	Areas Covered
Learning Enrichment	Christmas play (rehearsal and performance)
English	<p>Writing Broken (animation) – Narrative Reindeer - Non-chronological report</p> <p>Guided Reading (comprehension questions and retrieval) The Present (Animation) The Winters Child – Angela McAllister Santa’s Reindeer – Rob Green Play – practise lines</p>
Mathematics	<p>Multiplication & division: We will be learning about the different skills of answering our multiplication questions (which will help with our end of year multiplication check) as well as applying this number knowledge to worded problems.</p> <p>Shape: We will be learning all about angles, being able to label them and compare them, building on our knowledge of 2-D shapes whilst also being able to draw them to specific measurements to then help as we draw and create 3-D shapes.</p> <p>Money: Pounds, pence and change. We will be learning how to convert money from pounds to pence and vice versa, adding and subtracting money as well as finding change. All perfect skills ready for a Christmas holiday!</p>
Art	<p>Using multi-media and colour Oil pastel northern lights: We will be using oil pastels, looking at how to blend and use depth of colour to be able to build up the colours reflective of the scene that the northern lights create.</p>
Music	<p>Singing Rehearsal and performance skills</p>
Science	<p>How do we make sound? Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases</p>
Physical Education	<p>Hockey & Multi Skills Agility, balance and coordination Catching and throwing Attacking and defending Playing in small matches</p>
PSHE My Happy Mind	<p>This unit helps children understand and manage their emotions by linking feelings to colours and places. It teaches them how emotions affect their minds and bodies, and gives them practical tools to feel calm, confident, and resilient, both in school and everyday life.</p>
Spanish	Spanish - Presenting Myself
RE	<p>Children will explore the concept of <i>holiness</i>, focusing on why Christians believe Mary is holy. They'll reflect on how Mary's holiness inspires believers and think about how their own actions can reflect holiness in everyday life.</p>

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