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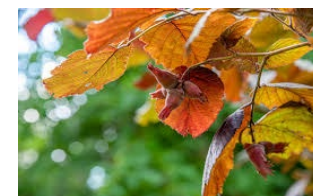


Mount Pleasant Lane Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4

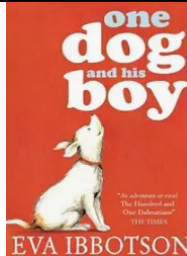
2026 Autumn Term 1



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to another term of learning and opportunities! We are so excited to be teaching Year 4 this year and look forward to getting to know the new Hazel class more over the next few weeks. We have a busy half term ahead of us: getting settled back into the routine, our Meet the Teacher morning and lots of new subjects to explore. Please make sure to look out for our key term dates on the Hazel page on the school website, including our P.E. days and homework schedule. We hope you have a fantastic half term!

Miss Warwick and Miss Musson

Key dates for your diary:	➤ Monday 13th October – trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum ➤ Thursday 23rd October 3:20-4pm – Open Classroom
PE days & kit required:	Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday . Please come into school on these days in PE kit, with enough layers to be outside.
Homework:	➤ 10 minutes reading logged on Boom Reader a minimum of 4 times a week. ➤ One MyMaths task. ➤ 20 minutes spelling practice, spread across the week (e.g. 4 x 5 minutes). ➤ 20 minutes times table practice on Times Table Rockstars. This is crucial preparation for the multiplication tables check in the summer term. Homework will be set each Friday from 12 th September and due by Wednesday the following week. Spellings are reviewed in class on Fridays.
Contact us:	 Communication is vital to us supporting the school community effectively. Please speak to us on the door at drop off or pick up if you have a short query or message. For longer conversations, please email admin@mountpleasant.herts.sch.uk FAO Mrs Ogier, and I will respond as soon as possible. Please be aware that teachers are teaching throughout the day so will be unable to contact you immediately.
Our recommended read:	‘One dog and his boy’ by Eva Ibbotson. Hal’s parents don’t want the noise and mess that a dog involves but it’s all Hal has ever wanted, so they rent one for his birthday. When he discovers that his new best friend has to be returned, Hal runs away and has many exciting adventures. A great book for lovers of adventure, mystery, excitement... and dogs! 

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Our topic this half term is: **Anglo-Saxons**

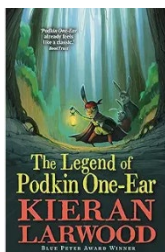
English:

In writing, we will continue to use the Talk for Writing framework to explore creating action scenes. We will learn to build excitement in our readers by using a finding story called 'Adventure in Sandy Cove.'

Reading:

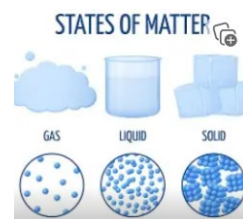
In our reading, we are using our class reading book, 'The Legend of Podkin One Ear,' to delve deeper into our reading skills.

Over the course of the half term, we will use short extracts from the book to focus in on our key reading skills including retrieval, summary, inference and prediction.



Science:

Our science topic is States of Matter. In this unit, we will explore how the world around us is made up of solids, liquids and gasses. We will see when and how things might change from one state to another and explore the water cycle.



History:

In our topic on Anglo Saxons, we will discover how the control of Britain changed over time and how it differs from the country and government we know today.



Art/D.T:

We will be learning about sculpture this term and using soap, wire and even shadows to explore how we can turn 2D into 3D in art.



R.E:

We will be exploring the relationship that Christians have with their place of worship and pose the question: do Christians have to attend church?

Maths:

In maths, we will start by looking at number and place value. This includes a recap on presentation when writing number sentences.

Computing:

We are starting our computing this year with an exploration of the internet.

French:

In French, we will revise last year's learning and then have a brief introduction to French phonics. The emphasis in Year 4 is on speaking and listening to enable children to begin to communicate in French.

P.S.H.E:

This half term we will focus on the Zones of Regulation. This is a child-friendly 'toolkit' for children to help them identify and manage their feelings in an appropriate way.