



# Skylarks News

Dear Parents and Children,

We would like to welcome you to the Skylarks and we hope you all had a relaxing summer holiday and are ready for the start of the school year. It is our first full academic year in our amazing new building and we are so excited about the year ahead! Our half termly newsletters provide you with some useful information about the half term ahead and also will share and celebrate our learning from the previous half term. We have also sent out a topic overview of what we are learning this half term in Year 4. If there is anything else you need clarifying then please do not hesitate in contacting us through the school office.

Many thanks, Mr Burnett and Mrs Rawling

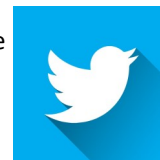
**Classroom Organisation** Skylarks are taught using the Year Four curriculum. Mr Burnett will teach the children on Monday (all day) and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and Mrs Rawling will teach the class on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday and Friday each week. The class will also be supported by Mrs Franklin and Mrs Francisco throughout the week. Mrs Walker will teach Skylarks Spelling strategies and Spanish on a Friday morning. Children can bring in their bags containing their Reading Records and reading books and leave them on their school peg. They will also need a named water bottle every day which will be brought home at the end of the day.

## **Times Tables**

The children will be assessed on a particular multiplication table each week, they will be asked to complete their specific multiplication table within 10 seconds to encourage speed. Once the children have completed their 12 times tables they will then move onto working on speed tables. If you could also encourage the children to use Times Tables Rockstars at home then that would also be fantastic. The logs will be stuck in the front of their school planner.

**PE** Our PE lessons are scheduled to be on a Tuesday and a Thursday. The children will be asked to bring their PE kits to school on these days and get changed before the lessons. Tuesday's session will be indoors school PE kit will be worn. Our Thursday sessions will be outdoors, weather conditions permitting. It can get quite chilly outside so extra layers like sweatshirt, hoodies and joggers/leggings are useful to keep in their PE bags.

**Twitter** The @Skylarks Twitter account has on-going posts of what the children are doing in Skylarks class throughout the year and is a brilliant platform for you to follow activities and progress of the children. Please follow us if you can. **@SkylarksHFS**



## **Spellings**

Because spelling is such an integral part of writing, we would appreciate your help in encouraging your child to regularly learn the spellings set, to enable them to use them in their writing. The children will be set spellings each week given to them by Mrs Walker on a Friday and they will be assessed on them the following Friday. You will also receive a copy of the on-going key word list for Year Four children. It would be wonderful if the children could learn these words alongside their weekly spellings so that they will have

**Reading** The children read individually on a regular basis and it is also important that they read on a daily basis at home. Reading books, which have been chosen by the children, will be sent home every night, to be returned the following day, whether the book is finished or not. Planners will be checked regularly, with children being encouraged to record the pages they have read in their own reading planner. If the children have finished the school's reading scheme boxes then they are welcome to choose books to read from the free readers section of the Library or alternatively a suitable book from home.



**Homework** Homework will be set on a Friday in their homework books which they will bring home and return to school by the following Tuesday. The homework will be a range of activities from different curriculum areas throughout the year. The activities will be set to support learning in class and will be matched to the children's ability.