

Buzzards class newsletter Term 4

February 2026

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful Half term. We have lots of exciting learning to look forward to in Term 4 of Buzzards Class.



Enquiry

During Term 4, Buzzards will be investigating the 'Big Question', 'What is the difference between being healthy and surviving?'. Throughout the term, children will be investigating how the body relies on different types of food to be healthy and survive. Children will observe the difference between animal and human skeletal systems. While being a scientist, children will conduct an experiment to see when their bodies have the most energy and if our diet effects this.

PE Kit

Buzzards class will continue to have PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week. You will need to send your child to school in their PE kit on these days. This includes a red or white t-shirt, black shorts or tracksuit trousers, and trainers. Please also make sure your child has a water bottle. First Sports will focus on Hockey throughout Term 4. On Wednesday, I will be focussing on 'Dance. This will include 6 key concepts; speed, agility, balance, strength, hand eye coordination and endurance.

Author

In Term 4, Buzzards will be exploring a new text called Winter's Child The book focuses on setting description and Buzzards will be using this model text to write their own seasonal story. I have attached a QR code of the story for you to read at home throughout the term to stay familiar with the story.



Homework

In addition to reading, children are expected to do the learning conversations homework which is sent home once a week. This goes home in their red homework book and must be returned on a Monday. The children also have 5 spellings to practise, which are taken from the year 3 and 4 statutory spelling list. Please spend at least 5 – 10 minutes writing out and practising these spellings at least 3 times every week. Spelling tests will continue to happen on a Monday when homework books are returned to the classroom. Homework is given back to children on Tuesday.

Year 4 Multiplication tables check

Year 4 will have their statutory times table test in June 2024. In school we have already begun the process of interventions and ensuring all children are practising during the school week. Please continue to encourage your child at home to practise times tables using the online resources available (topmarks, ttrackstars).

Art Exhibition

As part of our Enquiry, children of Buzzards will be Artists for a large majority of the term. Artists such as Andy Worhol, Roy Lichtenstein and Eric Carle will be evaluated and their techniques taught to the children. We will focus on still life pictures of fruits and veg and how Pop Art can be created using collage. Towards end of the term, parents will be invited in to view Buzzard's class Art Exhibition, where you can look at and talk to the children how the artwork they have created. A date will be sent out to you to confirm this.

Buzzard's teaching staff

Term 4 will see the end to Miss Britton's time in Buzzards. She will continue to complete her teaching degree at UWE as her school placement will have finished. She has been a fantastic addition to the teaching staff and will be sorely missed in Buzzards.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Taverner.