



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2017

Welcome back! We hope you all had a very enjoyable summer break and are ready for a new year. We are looking forward to continuing the children's journey through the Year 4 curriculum.

English

We will continue to develop literacy skills through a range of reading and writing activities. We will also be reading and writing legends based on historical figures that include Robin Hood and King Arthur. In addition, the pupils will be learning how to create a persuasive piece of writing based on our Science unit of 'Living Things'.

During the second half of the autumn term, the children will be looking at Classic Fiction with a focus on the story of Narnia. To finish the year, the children will be studying Performance poetry.

Pupils will be set individual targets, which we will track to ensure progression.

Reading

As you are aware, children need lots of practise to become confident readers. Please ensure your child is reading every night- around 15 minutes is a good amount. When they have finished, quiz them on new words, tricky spellings, actions, punctuation, thoughts and feelings. Then please write a comment in the planner and sign, so that we know they have been read with.

Mathematics

During the term, the children will be working on the topic of place value which will include: working with numbers up to and including 4 digits, whole numbers and decimal numbers with up to 2 decimal places. They will need to identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations. Also, recognise the place value of each digit and uses this when ordering and comparing numbers. In addition, round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000. Then round decimals with one decimal place to the nearest whole number. Once the children are secure, they will then apply these skills to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

We will use a variety of practical resources to support children in their understanding of fractions.

Please support your child to be involved with as much maths as possible at home. If you would like any ideas please speak to us for suggestions.

It is also important to ensure regular practise of times tables. The more secure the children are with times tables, the more it frees up thinking time to solve mathematical problems.

Learning Journey

In Science, the children will be learning how to classify living things, and group living things within their habitats.

During the electricity unit, the children will understand how electricity works through circuits, switches, conductors & insulators.

In design and technology, children will be learning through a class enquiry to create an electrical illumination.

P.E.

The areas we will be covering in P.E. this term are Dynamic Dance and Mighty Movers.

In Dynamic Dance, the children will be learning about Line dancing and have the opportunity to practise moves to create a performance.

In Mighty Movers, they will be focusing on boxercise. They will develop their coordination and cardio fitness.

Key Information

General organisation

Pupils need to have the following in school every day:

- a named water bottle
- a book bag containing a reading book and planner
- PE kit bag containing named plimsolls and trainers, named white t shirt and a pair of named shorts.

- We provide equipment for lessons, so there is no need for pupils to bring in pencil cases.
- Pupils are welcome to bring in a piece of fresh fruit or vegetables to have for their morning break.
- Please remember that it is school uniform policy for pupils to come to school in smart black shoes and without jewellery.
- We would also like to remind you that long hair should be tied back every day.

Key Dates for this term

Friday 29th September: School trip to the Lea Valley

Tuesday 17th October: Parents evening

Wednesday 18th October: Parents evening

Home Learning

Home learning is set on a weekly basis. It will be issued by Thursday every week and is expected to be completed and handed to the class teacher the following Tuesday.

Home learning is designed to reinforce work studied in class. The type of home learning can vary from week to week, some has to be recorded in the home learning books and some will be more creative. Please speak to the teachers if you are ever unsure about how to help your child with their homework.

Here are a few websites that children might find helpful to support their learning at home:

Maths Games

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/problem-solving>

English Grammar

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/

Science - Habitats

http://www.skyanimals.com/browse_habitat.cgi?habitat=freshwater

Please feel free to speak to us about any issues concerning your child, either through their planners or arranging an after school meeting via the office.

Year 4 Team

Mr Kaal (Year Group Leader), Miss Boyce, Mrs Gorton and Miss Mansi