



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2017 Friday 8th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 4. The children have settled in very well. Mrs Lawrence and I are looking forward to a busy and productive year.

This year, Mr Clark and Miss Baker will teach the children on Wednesday afternoons for PE and ICT respectively during my Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time.

The children have the opportunity to learn Spanish on Tuesday afternoons with Mrs Graveson.

This Term's Topics

Please find below details of the subjects we shall be studying this term.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Maths	Counting, partitioning and rounding, using place value knowledge when calculating, written addition / subtraction, finding fractions, problem solving involving the above. Times tables focussing especially on the x2, x5, x 10, x3 and x4 tables.	
Literacy	Stories with historical settings/content Information and explanation texts	Myths, fables and plays linked to the Ancient Greeks Poetry- creating images with words
Science	States of Matter: Solids, liquids and gases.	Electricity: Constructing simple circuits.
Humanities	Saltaire: Why is it where it is? (Geography focus)	The Greeks.
Computing	Word processing / E-safety /Research Skills	
Art/DT	Drawing and painting - rivers/canals/mills themed (David Hockney/L.S.Lowry) Model making (narrowboats)	Designing games that do not require electricity Drawing/modelling linked to the Greeks/ Greek architecture
RE	Beginnings	Places of Worship
PE	Dance	Golf
PSHCE	Our happy school	Out and about

Reading

We strongly believe that the impact on children being able to read and understand the text has a huge knock-on effect in every area of the curriculum. As a result of this, there is a strong emphasis placed on reading throughout the year in terms of guided reading, individual reading as well as teacher/ adult modelling of reading. We aim to encourage a culture of reading for enjoyment and pleasure.

Given this important emphasis on reading, it is vital that children also have the opportunity to read to an adult at home. This year, the expectation is that children will regularly read to an adult and that a comment will be entered and signed by the adult in the child's Reading Record. The children have the opportunity to change their reading book on a daily basis, and each time they do, will be given a sticker on their bookmark. Full bookmarks will be rewarded with stamps on the children's reward cards to spend at the school Reward Shop.

PE Kits

PE will take place on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. It is very important that your child has their PE kit in school on these days. Their PE kit should consist of a white T-shirt (with or without logo), navy shorts and black pumps. Children may also bring trainers and navy jogging bottoms and jumpers for outdoor PE sessions. Please make sure each item of clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. Long hair should be tied back and jewellery is not permitted to be worn during PE lessons for safety reasons. If children are able to remove stud earrings themselves, they will be required to do so and where this is not possible, they will be provided with plasters to cover these.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday. Homework will consist of a piece of Maths or Literacy/Topic work, which should be handed in by Wednesday morning. The children will also receive spellings to learn each Monday, to be tested the following Monday.

Homework is an important extension of children's learning at school and serves to consolidate what they have been learning.

Regular practice of times tables at home is also recommended, as children are now expected to know all the multiplication facts by the end of Year 4.

Expectations in Year 4

The children are expected to bring their book bags, reading records and reading book to school every day. They may also bring a named water bottle to keep in the classroom and a piece of fruit to eat at morning playtime.

Please can you ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled.

Communication

If you have any questions or queries at any time please feel free to come and discuss these with myself or Mrs Lawrence. If it is difficult for you to come into school and you have concerns please phone the school office and we will contact you, alternatively write a note. Further school notices will be posted on the school website and via Parentmail using the text message service.

I look forward to working closely with you this year,

Mrs Davidson.