



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter - October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write and let you know that the children have settled well into Year 4 and have made a good start with their new learning. We have an exciting half-term ahead planned for Year 4, so I wanted to share some of our topics and explain new routines.

Below you will find some of the topics we will be exploring over the Autumn Term.

Autumn Term	
Maths	Number and place value; mental addition and subtraction; mental multiplication and division; measurements (length and perimeter).
English	Linking with the Victorian topic, we are reading 'Street Child,' and will complete diary entries and some persuasive writing.
Topic	Comparing schools now and then (Victorians.)
Science	States of Matter.
RE	Places of Worship: Christianity and Judaism
PE	Team building games
PSHE	Keeping safe and 'getting on and falling out'
Computing	Times Table practice and testing.

PE

PE will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has their full kit on these days. Their PE kit should consist of a white T-shirt, navy or black shorts and black pumps or trainers. Please make sure each item of clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. In addition, long hair should be tied back and earrings should be taped or removed for safety purposes.

Homework

For the time being, all homework will be set on 'Times Table Rock Stars' and 'Spelling Shed.' I have set assignments on spelling shed and selected the times tables that your child needs to practise. Please ensure your child accesses these at home at least once a week.

Reading

Your support at home is invaluable and I would ask you to continue to hear your child read as much as possible, even 10 minutes shared reading can make a huge difference. When reading with your child, please take time to ask them questions about the book to check their understanding. If you can then record how they have got on in their reading record book, this will be valuable feedback for us to follow up in school to further support your child's reading. We have a class 'reading race' in which the children are rewarded with stickers on their bookmarks for home reading. Additional whole class reading lessons take place in class on a weekly basis.

Dismissal of the class

At the end of the day (15:00) the children will be led out into the bottom playground. They are then asked to line up and raise their hands when they see the adult collecting them. This is in order for the teacher to be certain of who each child has been collected by. Although it may take slightly longer to dismiss the class, it is for the safety of the children and we thank you for your patience. Where possible, please inform school if your child is going to be collected by a different adult.

If you would like more information about any of the topics being taught this term, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Blythe

Year 4 Class Teacher