



## Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter - September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have an exciting term ahead planned for Year 4, with some interesting topics and activity days planned. Below you will find some of the topics we will be exploring over the Autumn Term.

	<b>Autumn 1</b>	<b>Autumn 2</b>
Maths	Number and place value; mental/ written addition and subtraction;	Mental/ written multiplication and division; measurements (length and perimeter).
English	Linking with the Victorian topic, we will be reading 'Street Child,' and will be writing setting descriptions, diary entries and look at Kennings in our poetry unit.	Linking with our Chocolate topic, we will be reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and will be focussing on story openings, character descriptions and persuasive writing. We will also look at performance poetry
Topic	Comparing life now and then (Victorians.)	Chocolate
Science	Teeth/ The Digestive System	States of Matter.
RE	How are important events remembered in 2021?	What faiths are shared in our country?
PE	Dance	Golf
PSHE	What strengths, skills and interests do we have?	How do we treat each other with respect?
Computing	Word processing/ Power-point	E-Safety/ research skills
Art/ DT	Lowry - sketching/ drawing	Design and make their own chocolate box

### PE

PE will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on this day. Their PE kit should consist of a white T-shirt, plain navy or plain black shorts/ joggers and black pumps or trainers. Long hair should be tied back and earrings should be taped or removed for safety purposes.

## **Homework**

Homework will be set on a Friday and will consist of a piece of Maths or English work in homework books, which should be returned by the following Wednesday morning. Spelling lists will be given on a Friday with words to be learnt for a test the following 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.

## **Times-tables**

This year, children in year 4 will complete the national Multiplication Tables Check. It is therefore extremely important that we continually practise all times-tables to 12 x 12. Children will be given a times-table to practise on a Friday and may sometimes be given an activity sheet to complete. There will then be a test the following week. Children should be practising their times-tables frequently by reciting them aloud, practising with adults at home, online with Times-tables Rockstar or other online games.

## **Dismissal of the class**

At the end of the day (3pm) 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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Thorson

Year 4 Class Teacher