



How to Help at Home



- Please ensure your child has their P.E kit every Wednesday and their swimming kit on a Monday.
- In the summer term, the children will complete an online Multiplication Check which is a new standardised assessment for Year 4 children across all schools in England. Therefore, we would like you to support your child at home in learning their times tables (up to the 12 x 12). The children will receive times tables on a Monday and will be quizzed the following Monday.
- Support and encourage your child to learn their weekly spellings which can be found in the back of their diaries. The children will receive their spellings on a Monday and be quizzed the following Monday.
- Remind your child of the importance of daily reading. Encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes every night and remember to comment in their reading diary at least once a week. Please ensure your child has their reading book and diary in school every day.



Dates for the Diary



Thursday 26th September—European Day of Languages

Friday 27th September—McMillan coffee morning

Friday 27th September—Creative homework lunch club

Wednesday 9th October—Autumn disco

Thursday 10th October—Year 4 bike ride

Monday 14th October—School photographer in school

Tuesday, 15th and Wednesday, 16th October—Parent Consultations

MONDAY 21st OCTOBER - FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER—HALF TERM

Wednesday 6th November—ALDI voucher deadline

Monday 11th - Friday 15th November: Anti-bullying week

Friday 15th November—Nasal Flu vaccination

Monday 25th November—Occasional day. School closed

Tuesday 26th November—Pantomime visit to Theatre Royal

Wednesday 11th December—Christmas Lunch

Friday 13th December—Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 17th December—Whole school Christmas service at St Nicholas' (children only)

Wednesday 18th December—LKS2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December—Christmas Grand Raffle morning

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER—END OF TERM



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Miss Conway, Miss Whaley and Mrs Hewitt.

Curriculum Overview



Year 4



Autumn Term



Welcome



Welcome to Year 4! We would like to take this opportunity to share with you the fun-filled learning we have ahead of us this term and introduce the Year 4 team: Miss Conway, Miss Whaley and Mrs Hewitt.



English Overview



Our English lessons will continue to follow our Literacy and Language programme. The children will be delving into the dilemma story, 'Lost or Stolen?', where they will explore themes such as relationships, suspicion and trust. This will provide inspiration for writing their own chapter for a story with a dilemma. During our non-fiction unit, we will be creating a persuasive piece of writing linked to a newly released gadget. The children will be using rhetorical questions, exaggeration and imperative language. After half term, the children will then be exploring the text, 'The Bogeymen and the Trolls Next Door' - a comedy to be enjoyed by all. They will go on to use the characters from this poem to create their own story.



Maths Overview



Arithmetic skills are very important therefore Arithmetic tests are completed each week and key areas of learning are identified and addressed. We will also be completing TT Rockstars at the beginning of each lesson. The children have logins to access this at home and we look forward to seeing their times table knowledge develop. We are continuing to apply the 'Mastery' approach to Maths which strengthens our fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills. Our Maths curriculum begins by looking at ordering, comparing and understanding four digit numbers as well as broadening our knowledge of decimal notation. We will also be developing standard written calculations for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and learning relevant terminology that links to these operations.



Science Overview



We begin our science curriculum looking at sound, including how sounds travel and which materials make the best insulators. We will also explore the terms 'pitch' and 'volume'; understanding the difference between these. After this, we will turn our attention to solids, liquids and gases where we will investigate how these can change state and test how rates of evaporation can vary.



Our Curriculum



RE: During RE this term we will be looking at the beliefs and practices of the Hindu faith. We will learn about the importance of the festival of light (Diwali) and link this to the story of Rama and Sita.

History/Geography: Our first topic this half term is 'Ruthless Romans' with a focus on History. The children will be learning about where and when the Roman empire originated, as well as where they invaded and why. We will also be comparing this time in history with other significant events and civilisations. Our second topic 'Extreme Earth' will have a Geography link where we will explore the seven continents of the world as we develop our understanding and knowledge of the effects climate and natural disasters have on our world. We will be studying the impact of these natural phenomenon on human and physical geography.

Art/Music/DT: In art we will be focussing on self-portraits in the style of Andy Warhol's pop art. We will also be exploring relationships between pattern and shape by designing and creating a Roman mosaic. Our music unit will link to our Science topic 'Sound' where we will explore how we can use our voice to create different sounds through beatboxing. In DT we will create an earthquake proof building using a range of chosen materials.

Computing: To begin this term, we will reinforce the importance of Internet Safety and learn how we can stay safe online. In addition to this, we will explore PurpleMash and complete a number of projects, such as creating our own logos.

PE: Our PE sessions will be on a Wednesday, in addition to swimming on a Monday. We will begin with netball where we will develop the skills required to compete in a netball match. After half term we will create a dance incorporating a change of speed, direction and height.



Creative Homework



Your child should have received their creative homework tasks for the first half-term. The children are aware of the expectations and standards required in order to achieve the minimum of 15 points. Please take this opportunity to share your child's learning and have some fun. We look forward to seeing how imaginative and creative they can be!



Out and About



We are extremely excited to be visiting Vindolanda Roman Fort and Museum in Hexham as part of our Ruthless Romans topic this half term. We will be in contact in the upcoming weeks, via a letter, with further details. We would be grateful for parents helpers to accompany us on this visit. Please speak to a member of the Year Four team if you are interested.