



## How to Help at Home



- Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their P.E kit every Wednesday and their named swimming kit is brought to school every Monday.
- In the summer term, the children will sit the Multiplication Check and therefore, we would like you to support your child at home with learning all of their times tables (up to the 12 x table). Children will receive new times tables each week and will be quizzed the following Monday.
- Support and encourage your child to learn their weekly spellings which will be in the back of their diaries. Children will be quizzed the following Monday.
- Remind your child of the importance of daily reading. Please ensure your child has their reading book and diary in school every day. Encourage your child to read at least 3 times per week, and remember to comment in their reading diary once per week.



## Dates for the Diary



- Friday 24th September - Meet the Teacher will be emailed
- 15th October—Flu vaccines in school
- 18th October - School photographer in for individual and family photos.
- 18th October (afternoon appointments) and 20th October (evening appointments) - Virtual Parents consultations
- **Monday 25th October - Friday, 29th October: Half Term**
- **Monday 22nd November: Occasional Day—School closed**
- Christmas dates and arrangements yet to be confirmed.
- Friday 17th December Break up for Christmas
- **School reopens to all pupils Wednesday 5th January**

Please remember....

- PE day is Wednesday
- Swimming day is Monday
- Check our homework section for when to return work to school
- Make sure your child has their water bottle in school every day



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Miss Jobey, Mrs McLean, Mrs Neve or Mrs Cassidy (Phase Team Leader).

# 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 Jobey, Mrs McLean and Mrs Neve!



## Meet the teacher



Please take the time to watch our virtual 'Meet the Teacher' video from your child's class teacher. Here you will find a lot more detail regarding: our new school rules, homework expectations, inclusion and nurture as well as the personal classroom expectations for your child in their new class.



## English Overview



Our English lessons will continue to follow our Literacy and Language programme in addition to using a variety of other resources to enhance our learning. Firstly, we have been exploring an Icelandic folktale about trolls and writing our own versions based on the dilemma the trolls face and how they solve it. These stories are stories that explain natural phenomena. We will be looking at writing further stories with conflict and how characters can overcome friendship issues. During our non-fiction unit, we will be creating an explanation text about how to how to get the perfect 'pop star look'. Later in the term, we will be reading and writing our own playscripts based on traditional and folk tales, not to mention a delightful Christmas based writing unit.



## Maths Overview



We will begin the year with a unit on place value to ensure our understanding of thousands, hundreds, tens and ones is secure. We will continue with our 'Mastery' approach to Maths, which the children are familiar with from Year 3. First, we will use concrete resources before moving to pictorial and then abstract methods in order to apply our knowledge to fluency, reasoning and problem solving. In Autumn term, we will also be developing standard written calculations for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and learning relevant terminology that links to these operations. Alongside our daily Maths lessons, we will revise methods taught during a daily 'Hi 5' session. This is a great opportunity to practise key areas of learning and address any gaps. During these sessions, we will also focus on times tables knowledge, which goes hand in hand with the children's work on TT Rockstars at home. The children have logins to access this and we look forward to seeing their times table knowledge develop.



## Our Curriculum



**Science:** We begin our science curriculum looking at states of matter - solids, liquids and gases - and how these states can change. Later we will be learning about sound and how it travels to our ears. We will be conducting a variety of investigations to help us understand these scientific concepts.

**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 history topic is 'Ruthless Romans'. 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. During our Geography topic 'Extreme Earth', 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.

**Art/Music/DT:** In Art we will be focussing on self-portraits in the style of Andy Warhol and Deborah Kass' pop art. In Music, we have the exciting opportunity to learn how to play the ukulele in school - the children have been really excited about this! In DT we will investigate structures, including strengthening joints and choosing appropriate materials.

**Computing:** To begin this term, we will reinforce the importance of Internet Safety and learn how we can stay safe online. In addition, we will explore how to narrow down searches online to complete our own research before using Purple Mash and other apps to complete a number of projects, such as creating our own fact files.

**PE:** Our PE sessions will be on a Wednesday. We will be focusing on netball over the next few weeks and will learn the skills required to compete in a netball match. Our swimming lessons will take place every Monday, as the children will develop their confidence swimming different strokes and understanding pool safety.

**PSED:** Our focus this half-term will be 'Health and Wellbeing'. We will begin by identifying our own strengths and areas for improvement in order to achieve goals we have set. We will also explore how to stay healthy by reducing the spread of bacteria.

**French:** In French, we will revise how to talk about ourselves, including asking and answering our name and how we are feeling. Then, we will learn vocabulary relating to days of the week, months of the year, classroom instructions and classroom items.



## Homework



Our priority this term is to work collaboratively with parents and carers to secure children's knowledge and application of basic skills in reading, writing and maths. For this reason, we have reviewed our homework expectations and ask you to support us with the following in consolidating the children's basic skills.

**Your child will receive:**

- Reading (3 times per week). Accelerated Reader quizzes must be taken at home.
- Reading Plus (4 sessions per week to read 4 books)
- Times Table Rockstars (3 times per week)
- Times table practice ready for a quiz every Monday
- Spellings practice ready for a quiz every Monday