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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 4

Welcome back to a new school year and the Autumn Term. We would like to share with you the exciting learning planned for the term. We hope that the information below helps you support your child over the coming term.

English

Reading

This term we will be looking at the following Learning Objectives and all the success criteria that needs to be covered to obtain the objectives:

- I can identify ways in which authors use similes and imagery in a poem
- I can draw inferences
- I can read and understand stories
- I can identify effective language to describe a setting
- I can predict what will happen next
- I can identify features authors use in fantasy and science fiction stories

This will be done through guided reading sessions at school and reading homework.

You can help at home by reading regularly and discussing what you have read. Being able to recall in a few sentences what has been read is also an important and useful skill which can be developed in reading sessions at home.

Writing

In writing throughout all subjects it is expected that the children will always use capital letters and full stops as well as write using cursive writing. Children in Year 4 will be encouraged to improve their handwriting enough to be given an ink pen licence.

Spellings will be tested weekly and a half-termly spelling sheet will be handed out at the beginning of term outlining the focus for the week and the spellings to be learned. These spellings will be in line with the National Curriculum spellings for Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4). We will also be doing our Star Spellings to ensure the children have a firm knowledge of all required spellings up to Year 4.

We will be looking at the following objectives this term:

- I can write phrases using similes
- I can write noun phrases
- I can write free verse that contains similes
- I can use co-ordinating conjunctions
- I can write interesting sentences with fronted adverbials
- I can make accurate use of pronouns
- I can write a narrative using paragraphs
- I can write persuasive statements



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- I can write powerful sentences
- I can use powerful verbs
- I can use subordinate clauses
- I can devise useful questions
- I can write dialogue with inverted commas

Mathematics

We will be following the Year 4 National Curriculum maths objectives. We will be having a problem solving fluency session regularly to apply our understanding to working out problems. Discussing problem solving techniques with your child would be very useful.

We will be having weekly times tables tests which will improve recall and accuracy. Tables are very useful in all aspects of maths and quick recall will help your child develop increased confidence in maths.

This term we will be starting off with place value and move on to look at decimals and how they fit into our number system. We will then move on to calculations, using the school Calculation Policy.

Science

In our Science this term we will be studying states of matter, looking particularly at the water cycle. Then we will move on to look at digestion and teeth.

Computing

This term class 4 will begin by developing their skills in desktop publishing by creating a range of Keep Calm posters which they will save in various formats so they can be combined. They will learn how the internet works and compare the effectiveness of different search engines through a range of activities. They will be creating quizzes and learning to problem solve. E- safety will be an ongoing theme in the lessons.

History and Geography

We are starting off with a topic on Rivers (Geography). We will be looking at different features of a river and rivers around the world. We will then move on to a history topic on the Anglo Saxons.

Art and Design Technology

In art we will be looking at the art of Monet and how he portrays water and later in the term, we will create our own pop up books.

Music

We will be following a singing programme with visiting music teacher, Mr Manners.

RE

We start off with our Judaism topic which answers the question: "How special is the relationship Jews have with God". Then we move on to a Christian topic which focuses on: "What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?"



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French

The children will be continuing their French studies by developing increased fluency in the areas covered last year. We will also move on to looking at vocabulary for the school and the body.

PE

Mr Smith the children will be taking part in invasion games. In their class lessons for the first half of the term, we will be doing some orienteering. After half term, the children will be doing dance with a visiting sports coach.

Please support your child with their home learning (See Homework Policy on our website) and remember that learning should be meaningful and fun. If you are experiencing difficulties with homework please do let us know. If you are able to support your child's learning by some visits to places of interest linked to our topics please encourage them to tell us about it – or bring in a postcard or souvenir to talk about.

We will, as always be keeping in touch with Class News.

Kind regards
Mrs O'Neal
Class Teacher