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Year 4 Autumn Term - Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 4, we hope you had a good summer. As always, this will be a busy term and hopefully very enjoyable and rewarding too!

In the following paragraphs you will find details of the topics and homework for this term, so that you can support your child, especially in the core subjects of English and Maths.

Homework:

This will be given out on **Tuesdays** and needs to be returned completed by the following **Monday**. If the children complete a task on the computer they can email this to year4@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk

Year 4 children should be spending a minimum of 1 hour on their homework each week.

In addition to this, children should be reading aloud with an adult regularly and should also be encouraged to read independently. There will normally be 3-4 pieces of homework including spelling.

R.E

Please see the sheet on our website.

Writing:

Handwriting, sentence structure and spellings will be our initial focus, so that the children can apply this with increasing confidence across all subjects. We have begun the year with some fantastic poetry and will be reading, analysing and writing stories with historical settings. The children will then progress to the genres of instructions, quest stories and persuasive texts. On a weekly basis, spelling and grammar will be taught discretely and then the children will be expected to use this knowledge in all their writing.

Reading:

This year the children will have a home reading book in addition to a guided reading text, which they will read in school. Where needed, new reading records will be coming home with the children shortly. Please record in their reading record to show when your child has read at home. If you have any questions or comments about your child's reading, please contact us in person or via the class email address. If you write a comment in their reading record, **please ask your child to show me** as records are now not checked daily. However, reading does take place daily and their books and reading records will be needed in class.

Mathematics:

By the end of Year 4 children are expected to be able to quickly recall all of the times tables up to multiples of 12 and the related division facts. The order to learn the tables is 1,2,5,10,3,4,6,7,8,9,11,12 so please do support your child by helping them to improve their knowledge of multiplication facts as these are the basis for so many mathematical concepts.

In class, children will develop their knowledge and understanding of place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division as well as measuring the area of 2D shapes. As with last year's approach, we will be focusing on using the skills learnt in lessons for fun problem solving ideas and activities, especially as applied to everyday situations.



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Science:

Our topics in Science begin with 'Animals Including Humans,' which focuses on digestion, teeth and food chains. After half term we will be learning about 'Electrical Circuits and Components.' In October, the children will also be taking part in a Science Week in school.

Computing:

This term, children will be learning about the accuracy needed in order to use the Internet effectively. We learn about how data is used and protected and how this can be held securely.

Art/DT

D&T week will also take place in October. The children will be learning about construction materials, including levers, linkages and complex pop-ups, which will be linked to an area of the curriculum.

In Art, children will improve their drawing skills by looking at the proportion and shape of people.

Humanities:

We have begun the term by improving our mapping skills, both locally and internationally. After that, we will then look at the locations from which the Anglo-Saxons and Scots settled.

P.E.

Children will need their P.E. kits (including footwear) in school every day. This half term, the children are taking part in games (football), in which we are incredibly lucky to be led by one of the Arsenal ladies' team. This will be followed by gymnastics and dance after half term. Our lessons are currently scheduled to take place on Mondays and Thursdays, although this may change later in the term.

PSCHE

The personal and social side of this subject is taught daily through exploring new beginnings and setting and practising classroom promises. The children will also continue to develop their independent learning skills. The cultural aspect is taught within RE and reading, whilst the health education is explored through science.

Please contact me if there are any queries or concerns & I look forward to working with you and your child throughout the year and to seeing you at Parents Evening later on in the term.

Yours faithfully,

Ms. J. Leaper.

