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## Year 4 Spring Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a happy holiday. I am very much looking forward to working with you again. 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:**

Homework will be given out on **Tuesdays** and needs to be returned completed by the following **Monday**.

Year 4 children are expected to spend a minimum of 1 hour on their homework. In addition to this, children should be reading aloud with an adult regularly and encouraged to read independently. There will normally be 3 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 poetry where the children have written Haikus. This term the children will also write non-chronological reports and fantasy stories. On a weekly basis, spelling and grammar will be taught discretely and then applied to all writing.

### **Reading:**

The children will continue to have a home reading book in addition to a guided reading text, which they will read in school. Please record in their reading record to show that your child has read at home. If you have any questions or comments about their reading, please contact me. If you write a comment in their reading record, please ask your child to show me. Reading books can be changed on any day.

### **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 1,2,5,10,3,4,8,6,7,9,11,12. We will be re-introducing speed tests to practise these.

This term we will continue to take a mastery approach towards our learning in Maths. The children will develop their knowledge of multiplication and division, fractions and mental strategies. There will be a greater focus on problem solving within our lessons. Please support your child by helping them to improve their knowledge of multiplication facts.



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## **Science:**

In Science, we will be continuing with Electricity and then moving onto States of Matter where the children will learn about the differences between solids, liquids and gases, classifying objects and identifying their properties.

## **Computing:**

This term, children will be using Logo Turtle and Scratch where they will be taught how to create an algorithm to program a procedure. The children use the basic commands in Logo to move and draw using the turtle on screen, and then further develop algorithms using the "repeat" command. These skills are then developed by teaching the children how to create algorithms in Scratch using a selection of blocks.

## **Art**

This term the children will use a variety of marks in response to a story. They will be able to talk about natural forms and make drawings that show line, shape and colour. They will be able to respond to the work of a famous artist (John Brunson). During the term the children will develop their skills with tools and materials. They will discuss their ideas and the improvements that they could make in their work.

## **Humanities:**

We will continue our topic of Anglo-Saxons and Scots. Later in the term we will learn about Ancient Egypt. The children will learn about how and where the ancient Egyptians lived, what was important to the daily lives of ancient Egyptians, who Tutankhamun was and how mummies were made. They will also learn about how Egyptian people used hieroglyphs to communicate and compare the powers of different gods.

## **P.E.**

This half term, the children are taking part in athletics and some children are going swimming. The rest of the class will be going swimming next term. Our lessons are currently scheduled to take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. Sometimes our PE days may change so it is important that the children have their full PE kit in school everyday.

## **PSCHE**

Talking about our feelings and developing respectful friendships are both central to our everyday routine to ensure that we have a happy class who are able to concentrate on their learning. We also work on upholding our Class Charter daily. The children will also continue to develop their independent learning skills.

I look forward to working with you and your children throughout the coming year. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Grover

