



HILDENBOROUGH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,” (Philippians 4:13) so that I can be the best that I can be, for myself, for others and for God.

5th January 2024

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Term 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after what we hope was a lovely Christmas holiday for you and your family. Thank you for all the cards and gifts that you kindly gave us for Christmas – they are very much appreciated. We have another exciting and busy term ahead and below is the outline of the curriculum areas we will be covering this term –

| Subject | Areas to be covered |
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| Maths | <p>We will continue to use Maths No Problem which is in line with the Singapore Maths approach. This encourages children to use manipulatives to support learning and approach mathematical problems in different ways. Children will also be developing their mathematical thinking in a range of contexts with particular focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing with multiplication and division (written methods) • Graphs (reading and drawing graphs) • Fractions (counting in hundredths, mixed numbers, equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions) |
| English | <p>We will be using the text ‘Beaver Towers-The Witch’s Revenge’ to inspire our story writing (this is the sequel to Beaver Towers which the children studied last year). We will be exploring how Nigel Hinton creates suspense and will then be using these techniques in our own writing. We will then be writing non-chronological reports linked to animals in the text.</p> <p>We will be using our Talk For Writing approach to drive our teaching of vocabulary, grammar and punctuation. Spelling lessons will be taught discreetly.</p> |
| Science | <p>Our Science topic for the rest of this term is ‘States of Matter’. We will be learning about solids, liquids and gases and how they can change into one another. We will be looking at their properties and how this plays a role in these scientific events. In order to complete our learning, we will be carrying out a range of investigations, either as a whole class or in groups, to build on our ‘problem solving’ skills, as well as to develop our scientific vocabulary further. Our ‘Big Question’ to research for science homework is ‘Does gas have weight?’</p> |
| RE | <p>Our RE learning this term will be about Gospel, in particular, answering the big question, What kind of a world did Jesus want?</p> <p>Throughout the unit, we will be exploring the answers to these questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What part of the Gospel tells Christians about the life and teaching of Jesus? • How and why did Jesus heal people? • How do Christians follow the teachings of Jesus? • How do Christians try to put Jesus’ teachings in to practice? |
| Computing | <p>Our Computing focus this term is how do we purposefully use technology to create for an audience? The children will be exploring the HTML computer language.</p> |
| History | <p>In History, we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. We will be focussing on the Anglo-Saxon kings, including King Alfred the Great and Edward the Confessor, and their ongoing struggle for power against the Vikings.</p> |
| Art | <p>This term, we will be focussing space and dimension in Visual art using shade and tone. The children will explore works of art such as <i>Still Life with Chocolate Pot</i> by Matisse (1900), Millet’s <i>The Gleaners</i> (1857) and Bruegel’s <i>The Peasant Wedding</i> before creating their own piece of artwork with foreground, middle and background.</p> |

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| | EACH CHILD WILL NEED TO BRING IN A LARGE FLATTENED CEREAL BOX FOR THIS UNIT PLEASE. |
| Spanish | We are looking forward to a whole school Spanish week this term, where we will be taking part in a range of fun and engaging Spanish activities. Our focus this term will be on greetings . |
| PE | PE will take place on Fridays this term when the children will be visiting Tonbridge pool for their swimming lessons . The second PE session will be our Forest School lessons every Tuesday afternoon for this term. |
| Music | This term we will continue practising our Young Voices songs before learning how to play the Ocarina . Ocarinas will come home with the children once we begin so, please remember their instruments need to be in school every Friday for our music lessons. |
| PSHE | We use a comprehensive PSHE programme to support us in developing fully rounded children who are healthy, sociable and emotionally literate. It covers key concepts and skills to support pupils' spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development and teach British Values. The programme builds on the core theme areas identified by the PSHE Association: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Wellbeing • Relationships • Living in the Wider World |

Parent Information

Year 4 Staff



Teachers

Miss Nixon – Monday to Friday

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Coomber – Monday to Friday every morning and Thursday pm for PPA cover

Mrs Bonner – Monday and Tuesday mornings

Mrs Lutwyche – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings

Mrs Rugg – Thursday pm for PPA cover

Home Learning



As previously, we will be setting a selection of tasks for the children to choose from, as well as daily reading, Times Table Rock Star practise and Spelling Shed activities. We would strongly encourage children to spend a few minutes each day to practise each of these skills (reading, spelling and times tables) in order to improve their accuracy, fluency and speed in all areas.

PE and Forest School



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PE during term 3 will take place on Fridays. Please ensure that your child's swimming kit is in school on Fridays and fully named.

We are fortunate to be able to continue with Forest School every Tuesday afternoon. On Tuesdays, please send your child into school in their school uniform with their Forest School clothing in a named carrier bag. Depending on weather, we would recommend children wearing the following items for forest school:

- ✓ Warm socks
- ✓ Layers are best- leggings and jogging bottoms
- ✓ T-shirt/long sleeved top
- ✓ Jumper or fleece
- ✓ Waterproof trousers or all in one suits
- ✓ Waterproof jackets or all in one suits
- ✓ Hat, scarf and gloves
- ✓ Wellington boots.

What do children need to bring to school?



Please can children bring the following items each day:

- A book bag or a **small** rucksack. No large bags please.
- A clearly labelled water bottle.
- A packed lunch (if not having school lunch).
- Their reading book and reading record.
- Their PE kit.
- A sun hat and sun cream when the weather is warm (if they can self-administer and weather permitting).
- A coat/hats and gloves (weather permitting).
- A pencil case (optional-not too large please!).

If the weather is warm, parents will be advised to put sun-cream on their child before coming to school. **Children are only allowed to bring into school the items listed above**, ie. no toys etc.

Communication



If you have any urgent messages, these can be given to a member of staff on the school gate each morning. If you wish to speak to us in person, please come and see us at school pick up or phone the school office to arrange an appointment.

Timetable

Early Work is key learning time for revisiting concepts that children might have misunderstood, small group intervention for key skills, etc. Please remember that our **Early Work session now begins at 8.35am** each

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morning and it would be really beneficial if your child could be in school as early as possible to take part in these activities.

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 8.35-9.00 | Early Work Registration | Early Work/TTRS Registration | Early Work Registration | Early Work Registration | Early Work/ERIC Registration |
| 9.00-9.20 | Worship | Worship | Worship | Worship | Worship |
| 9.20-9.30 | Times Tables Times tables collection - BBC Teach | Times Tables Times tables collection - BBC Teach | Times Tables Times tables collection - BBC Teach | Times Tables Times tables collection - BBC Teach | Times Tables Times tables collection - BBC Teach |
| 9.30-10.30 | Maths | Maths | Maths | Maths | Maths |
| 10.30-10.45 | Morning Break | Morning Break | Morning Break <u>Me duty</u> | Morning Break | Morning Break |
| 10.45-11.00 | ERIC/Library | ERIC | Spelling | Spelling | Spelling/Library |
| 11.00-12.00 | English | English | English | English | English - Reading |
| 12.00-1.00 | Lunchtime | Lunchtime | Lunchtime | Lunchtime | Lunchtime |
| 1.00-1.15 | Registration/TTRS | PPA | Registration/Story | Registration/Story | Registration |
| 1.15-2.10 | Computing | | Science | RE | Swimming |
| 2.00-3.00 | Geography | | PSHE/Spanish | Art | Music |

Behaviour systems/Values Points

- In line with the school's behaviour policy, we follow the traffic light system in class. If children reach 'superstar' status, they earn 3 house points.
- House points will also be awarded for completing home learning tasks and for hard work in class.
- Values points will be awarded for demonstrating our Christian Values. These points will be used to earn a treat at the end of term.

We are looking forward to working with you to support your child's progress this year. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,
The Year 4 team ☺