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23rd February 2024

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Term 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half term break and enjoyed the little bit of sunshine that came out! We are very much looking forward to our trip to London to see **The Odessey** at the Unicorn Theatre. We are very familiar with this child-friendly theatre and know they will put on an amazing show as always.

Below is the outline of the curriculum areas we will be covering this term.

Subject	Areas to be covered
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"> • Time-this will include reading the time of a 24-hour clock; converting time from minutes to hours, minutes to seconds, years to months and weeks to days; and time duration problems. • Decimals-we will focus on reading and writing tenths and hundreds as decimals and how this links to fractions. • Fractions (counting in hundredths, mixed numbers, equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions)
English	<p>Our English learning begins with some film media called Dreamgiver. Using this short film as our starting point, we will be revisiting character and setting descriptions leading up to writing a newspaper report with reported speech.</p> <p>Our learning for the latter half of the term will focus on non-fiction writing. We will be looking at the issue of deforestation, finding out how to create a balanced argument.</p>
Science	<p>Our Science topic for this term is 'Electricity'. We will be identifying common appliances that run on electricity. We will also construct simple electrical circuits, using bulbs, batteries, wires, switches and buzzers. 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.</p> <p>Our 'Big Question' to research for science homework is: <i>'What would happen if we did not have electricity?'</i></p>
RE	<p>Our RE learning this term will be about Salvation, in particular, answering the big question: <i>Why do Christians still remember the events of Holy Week?</i></p> <p>Throughout the unit we will be exploring the answers to these questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What happened during the Last Supper? • What is the symbolism of the Last Supper? • What happens during the communion service? • Why and how do Christians remember Holy Week each year?
Computing	<p>The children will be answering the question How can technology be used to collect and present data? through investigating Weather</p>
Geography	<p>Our Geography topic this term is Western Europe. During this topic, we will be learning about its countries and capital cities. We will also learn about the climate in Western Europe and what it trades. We will also be focussing on France and will be comparing London and Paris.</p>

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Spanish	We will continue to develop our Spanish vocabulary and pronunciation linked to weather.
PE	Our main PE session each week will continue to take place on Fridays when the children will resume their swimming lessons at Tonbridge Pool. Forest School will still take place every Thursday afternoon.
Music	Following on from our fantastic Young Voices concert last term, we will now begin to develop our musical theory knowledge and reading music by learning to play the ocarina ! These lessons will take place on a Friday so, if your child brings their ocarina home to practise, they must be sure to have it in school each Friday.
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.

Please ensure your child brings their home diary in **every Monday and Wednesday**. Many thanks.

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PE and Forest School



PE during term 4 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 **every day**.
- Their homework book **every Monday and Wednesday**.
- 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

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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 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
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

As a school, we have introduced a new Behaviour and Positive Relationships Policy-more information will be shared with you about this.

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 ☺

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