

Welcome to Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

During these two terms your child will be studying a number of subject areas from the National Curriculum 2014. We believe in the importance of a partnership between home and school. To further develop these relations we feel it is important that you are fully aware of the topic your child will be covering during this term. We know that we can depend on you to support your child completely in tasks undertaken.

English

Term 3

In year 4, using *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White, we will begin by looking at information leaflets as another form of non-chronological reports, where the classes will explore the features of leaflets and begin to plan and eventually write their own.

Following on from this, we will learn another form of perspective writing through letter writing, where your child will put themselves into the shoes of someone else to write from their point of view.

Term 4

In Term 4, we will be planning our own narrative with a historical setting using *Goth Girl* and the *Ghostly Mouse* as a stimulus.

Throughout the terms, grammar, spelling, punctuation and reading will have a massive impact on your child's learning and it will be imbedded in every lesson. It would be wonderful if you could support your child at home in these areas.

Maths

Term 3

The focus will be on Fractions and Decimals. The children will:

- Count up and down in hundredths.
- Recognise common equivalent fractions.
- Find fractions of amounts.
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.
- Recognise and write fraction and decimal equivalents.

- Round decimals with one decimal place to the nearest whole number.
- Compare numbers with the same number of decimal places up to two decimal places
- - solve simple measure and money problems involving fractions and decimals to two decimal places.

Term 4

In term 4, we will focus on Measurements, focusing on:

- Converting between different units of measure.
- Measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure
- Find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares.
- Estimate, compare and calculate different measures, including money in pounds and pence.
- Read, write and convert time between analogue and digital 12- and 24-hour clocks
- Solve problems involving converting from hours to minutes; minutes to seconds; years to months; weeks to days.

Religion

Term 3

The topic is 'Jesus the Teacher.' The children will be learning:

- That Jesus was born a Jew
- About the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.
- How the Holy Trinity was present at the Baptism of Jesus.
- Why and how Jesus chose his disciples.
- About Jesus and his teachings (Parables).

Term 4

The topic is 'Jesus the Saviour.' The children will be learning:

- That Jesus is truly God and truly human.
- About Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem.
- The different days of Holy Week.
- To begin to understand why Jesus died on the Cross.
- To know about Jesus' resurrection.

Science

Term 3

In term 3 our class area will be States of Matter.

The children will be:

- Learning the properties of liquids.
- Investigating what materials are best to use to change a solid to a liquid.
- The processes used in changing the states of water.
- Learning the steps in the water cycle.

Term 4

In term 4 we will be looking at sound. The children will be:

- Identifying how sounds are made
- Recognising that vibrations from sound travels through a medium to the ear
- Finding patterns between the pitch of a sound and the features of the object
- Finding patterns of the volume of the sound and the strengths of the vibrations
- To recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the source is increased.

History and Geography

Term 3

Our history topic in term 3 is *The Vicious Vikings*.

The children will study the Vikings as an aspect of British history and extend their chronological knowledge prior to 1066.

Term 4

Our Geography topic in term 4 will be focusing on **settlements**. The children will look at human aspects of the globe. Understanding how geography of places affected where Vikings decided to settle.

Art

Throughout term 3 and 4, we will be developing skills to sketch portraits, looking at individual aspects of the face and how to bring these together to create a lifelike portrait.

Homework

Reading: Each child will receive a reading book which should be read daily.

CHILDREN'S JOURNALS MUST BE SIGNED EVERY NIGHT AFTER THEY HAVE READ. IF YOUR CHILD'S JOURNAL IS NOT SIGNED

THEN THEY CAN NOT DO THEIR QUIZ OR CHANGE THEIR BOOK AND WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH PARENTS TO DISCUSS THIS!

Maths: Children will be aware of the time tables they need to practice in preparation for their test on Friday.

Spelling: Children will be given a spelling list every MONDAY and tested every FRIDAY.

Many thanks,

Miss Aina-De-Haan & Miss Leybourne