

Year 4 Term 5 Newsletter

A warm 'Welcome Back' – hopefully summer is on its way!

Curriculum - This is what we will be teaching this term:

English: Our focus will be on narrative writing this term and our theme is 'Superheroes'. We will continue to use the 'Talk for Writing' approach (across the school) this term; your child might want to show you how they have memorised a new text.

Maths: Having revisited multiplication and division, we will be moving onto Statistics and then Place Value.

RE: Christianity in Action

PSHE: 'Relationships'

Computing: 'We are HTML editors' (This unit will be taught by Mrs Saunders on Tuesday afternoons).

Music: We will continue to work with the 'Voices Foundation' to develop our singing skills.

PE: Mr Hart will continue to teach PE on Tuesday afternoons.

May we politely remind you that having **full, correct PE kit forms part of our 'Flying High to Achievement' attitudes**. This includes a WHITE T-shirt, shorts and suitable footwear. Jogging bottoms / tracksuits may be worn if it is cold. Please ensure PE kit is in school all week; sometimes we have a session on a different day.

Topic: This term we will be doing two units from the International Primary Curriculum – the first is 'Bright Sparks' which focuses on electricity and the second is 'Shake It' which focuses on changing and separating materials.

In History, we'll be finding out:

- About particular events & discoveries
- About the people who made those discoveries

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- How to design and make products to meet specific needs
- How to make usable plans

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- How to prepare & carry out simple, fair investigations
- How to use simple scientific equipment
- How to test ideas using evidence from observation and measurement
- How to link evidence to broader scientific knowledge and understanding
- How to use evidence to draw conclusions

Homework:

We would like ALL children to be 'green' for homework, and there is an expectation that it will be completed. Provision will be made in school for those children who, for various reasons, are unable to complete homework at home. We are quite happy for children to complete their homework in different coloured pens if they wish, but we do expect the same standards of handwriting and presentation as we would in all their other schoolbooks.

This is what children in Year 4 will be expected to complete:

- The main piece of homework, which will take the form of a FORTNIGHTLY project. This does not always need to be done in the homework book; some children like to make models or posters instead.
- WEEKLY times tables practise – to be written in homework book.
- WEEKLY spelling practise – learn spellings & write into correctly punctuated sentences in the homework book.
- THREE TIMES WEEKLY reading. **Please record reading in the 'weekly' section of the planner.**

Finally, a polite request:

Please ensure that your child has their **Book Bag in school every day**. It's a good idea to keep the following items in it whenever they are not actually in use:

- Reading book
- Planner
- Homework book (so that we can give help if needed, and it's in school to be handed in on time).
- Spelling Log