



# YEAR 4

## SUMMER TOPICS

### 2019

The summer has finally arrived! We have lots of exciting activities ahead of us this term including a trip to the Victorian school room at Armley and a picnic to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Read on to learn about all the different areas we will be learning about this term and how you can support your child's learning at home.

#### Maths

Over the course of the Summer term we will be covering decimals, measure, money, time and geometry. There will be a daily mental maths fluency practice focussing on quick recall facts such as multiplications and division facts.

#### English

- Formal letter writing
- Play scripts
- Information writing
- Heritage stories

#### Science

Are humans animals? A topic learning about animal skeletons and how we move and grow.

#### Creative Curriculum

Did Victorians make life better or worse? Learning all about the impact the Victorians had and trying to discover why you never see a picture of a happy Victorian!

#### Computing

- Effective searching
- Computer hardware



#### RE

What faiths make up our community

#### Music

- Music through games, singing and composing

#### PE

- Swimming
- Athletics
- Cricket

#### French

- Poem – Le fermier dans son pre  
Song – Ma famille  
Topic – family members

#### How to help at home

The children have access to a range of different websites which will support their learning. They should already know their passwords and be able to access these sites but if there are any problems please let us know.

**Db Primary** – Allows the children to share work with their classmates, check the class pages and download spellings, learning log sheets and communicate with the class teacher.

**Purple Mash** – A learning platform that supports the children in maths, reading, writing and spelling through a series of games and activities. Many children are now using this to complete and share Learning Log work, practice maths skills at home and continue computing work from school.

**Bug Club** – An online reading programme which allows your child to read a variety of different books allocated by the teacher and answer questions about these. Please make use of this excellent resource!

**Homework**

The Government recommends that Year 4 pupils spend 90 minutes on homework per week (plus reading). However, the emphasis at Talbot is on how effectively homework helps your child to learn, rather than on whether it takes a certain amount of time. Therefore, we hope that all tasks are meaningful.

**Reading Books**

All the children in Year 4 have a reading record book and access to the reading scheme. They can change their reading books as often as they like in Year 4 and should note down what they have read in their reading record books. We will endeavour to check regularly to see what they are reading. Listening to your child read at home, asking questions and checking their comprehension still has lots of benefits, even if it is only every now and again.

**Spellings**

Each week there will be a spelling focus. Children will be set a list of words on Tuesday and these will be focused on during the week's lessons. The children should also revise the list at home, as they will be tested on it on the following Tuesday.

**Learning Log**

For each Creative Curriculum topic a series of tasks will be suggested and the pupils will need to complete a number of these over a period of time. The exact details will be shared with the children and glued in the Learning Logs.

**Maths Homework**

A small amount of maths homework is set on Monday by your child's maths teacher; this homework is due in on the Friday of the same week. Also, please support your child with learning their times tables (little and often works well). New government expectations are that all children will know their times tables up to 12x by the end of Year 4.

**PE/Swimming**

Swimming kit is needed on Tuesdays and PE kit is needed on Thursdays.

**Trips and Visitors**

This term we will be visiting Armley Mills to understand what life was like for a child in Victorian times. We are also hoping to arrange a picnic to celebrate Queen Victoria's Jubilee.

**Additional Websites**

The following websites may offer additional support.

[www.uk.ixl.com/](http://www.uk.ixl.com/) – 10 questions daily covering maths, spelling, and grammar objectives

[www.multiplication.com/games/all-games](http://www.multiplication.com/games/all-games) – times tables practise.

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/> – help and advice on a wide range of school subjects.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> – maths games and advice

<https://www.spellingcity.com/> – a variety of spelling games