

Your child's topics will be: **SENSATIONAL SOUNDS & WILD WEATHER**

**During this term your child will learn:**

- How to read and create a simple map
- The main continents and their features
- How sounds are made and how they can be changed and how it travels
- Solids/ Liquids and gases / Water Cycle
- How different instruments make sound
- What the pentatonic scale is and how to play and compose using it
- Types of weather/ Effects on the Earth
- Swimming skills
- Orienteering & Hockey Skills
- What makes a prayer/ World Jesus wanted

**The children will concentrate on:**

- Narrative structures
- Non Fiction texts - Reports and facts
- Comprehension skills with literal information.
- Spelling patterns & strategies
- Grammar skills - word families and sentence types with clauses
- Place Value, partitioning and ordering numbers
- Comparing and estimating
- Word Problems
- Securing number facts
- Calculations, especially + and -
- Multiplication tables

**Your child will take part in:**

Homework Begins (13<sup>th</sup> September)  
Peace Day (21<sup>st</sup> September)  
Harvest Service (26<sup>th</sup> September)  
Parent Consultations (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> October)  
INSET - (11<sup>th</sup> October and 4<sup>th</sup> November)  
Diversity Week (21<sup>st</sup> October)  
Half term begins (26<sup>th</sup> October)  
Remembrance Assembly (11<sup>th</sup> November)  
Children In Need (15<sup>th</sup> November)  
Christingle (18<sup>th</sup> December)

**Ways to help your children include:**

Encouraging quick recall of number bonds and times tables.  
Ensuring homework tasks are returned on time  
Ensuring PE kit is in school - Wednesdays (including pumps/trainers for outside sessions) & Thursdays (swimming kit).  
Practising spellings in the spelling logs  
Helping children independently organise equipment.

Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle to help keep the brain hydrated. As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please make sure suitable outdoor clothes are provided for playtimes and home time.

**A word about homework:**

Regular reading at home will really help progress with reading skills and the development of a more sophisticated vocabulary. A reading diary has been provided to allow contact between home and school. A spelling log will allow you to see the spellings we are learning in school and will allow you to help the children learn some individualised spellings which they have struggled with in their independent work.

Homework will be provided on Fridays. This will reinforce the maths and literacy which we will have been learning in class. It will then be due back in on the following Friday morning, where we will check it as a class.

Each half term I would like to set a small homework project which may use and apply some of the different skills from our curriculum. This homework will require a little more work and therefore has a longer time period for it to be prepared. It will often enhance the topic we are studying and children will be sharing their work with the rest of the class, using speaking and listening skills with a purpose.

Thank you for your help with this.

### Timetable:

The timetable in Class Fossey is fairly flexible to allow for DT projects or topic days, and also make sure children can use the Computer suite to help with their work in a variety of subjects.

Work starts straight away every morning when the doors open at 8.45. Each day will be starting with reflection time and spelling work, both of which are really important to progress in the year. Please could you make every effort to ensure your child arrives on time, as even a few minutes can mean they miss out on some key work!

### The Asher Smith Team!

I am thrilled and very lucky to have a great team working alongside your children in Year 4. Mrs Halton will be a trainee teacher based with the class for the year. She is a post graduate who has worked as an HTLA and now just needs QTS to be a qualified teacher. Mrs Conway will be our ETA on mornings Monday AM and Thursday PM will be my P.P.A. and Management time. These will be covered by Mrs Martin and Mrs Hampshire.

## CLASS ASHER SMITH TIMETABLE Autumn 2019:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mental Maths	spelling / booktime	spelling / booktime	Swimming	Topic/ English
Maths	Maths	Maths		Celebration Assembly
collective worship	collective worship	collective worship	collective praise	
break				
PSHCE	English	PE	Maths	PSHCE/ French
lunchtime				
Science	ICT	Topic	English	R.E.
break				
Book Study	Book Study	Music	Mental Maths	Book Study

### Practical Learning At Home

Learning at home can be fun and linked to practical activities.

Cooking is a great opportunity to use measures in real life contexts. Concepts of realistic measures can be very tricky to understand.

Telling the time is another life skill which will help your child keep up with their classmates.

Watching Newsround can help create interest in current affairs and begin to build general knowledge.

And finally ...

This term we will be working on developing independence and stamina in work, working towards targets and understanding the curriculum.

If you ever need to get in contact, the best times will be after school on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Here's to a great year.