



YEAR 4

AUTUMN TOPICS

2019

Welcome to Year 4! We hope that you have had a lovely summer and are looking forward to getting back into the new school year. In the termly newsletter, we hope to offer guidance to help you support your child's learning at home. Over the course of the year, we will share details of trips, workshops and other events happening in Year 4.

Maths

Over the course of the Autumn term we will be covering place value, addition/subtraction and multiplication/division. In addition, there will be a daily mental maths fluency practice focussing on quick recall facts.

English

- Stories set in imaginary worlds based on The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
- Explanation texts explaining 'How a Dog Works'
- Poetry leading to our Christmas Poetry performance

Science

What lies beneath? A science topic exploring rocks, fossils and volcanoes.
Should you use the force to attract or repel? A science topic experimenting with forces and magnets

Creative Curriculum

Why don't we have volcanoes in Leeds? Why doesn't Iceland melt?
A topic exploring the geography of the UK and Iceland and the science of volcanoes.

Computing

We will be using Purple Mash to teach different units over the year. This term we will be starting our Coding unit



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- What words of wisdom can guide us?
- How are important events remembered?

Music

- Poetry
- Around the world

PE

- Swimming
- Ball skills
- Dance

French

- The Hungry Caterpillar
- Handa's Surprise

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 new learning platform that supports the children in maths, reading, writing and spelling through a series of games and activities.

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.

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). 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 Fridays. Long hair should be tied up during lessons and all jewellery including earrings, watches and Fitbits should be removed.

Trips and Visitors

We will be visiting the Shree Hindu Temple this term and we will have our annual Christmas Service at St. Andrew's Church in December. Help for all trips is greatly appreciated.

Additional Websites

The following websites may offer additional support.

www.uk.ixl.com/ – 10 questions daily covering maths, spelling, and grammar objectives

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