

Bassetts Farm Primary School

Year 4 – Autumn Term 2018 (First Half)

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you had a relaxing holiday. This half term our Learning Journey is *'The Big City'*.

Here is an overview of our learning.

Dates	Character Strengths	We will be learning about:
4/9/18 	Our School Values	<p>To begin this term we will be welcoming the children to their new year 4 classes, getting to know each other and agreeing on class behaviour and expectations. We will look at reading and make sure children get back into excellent reading habits plus give them opportunity to recommend books to others. We will begin to look at place value in maths and beginning narrative in English to begin the term.</p> <p>PSHE focus: balanced lifestyles</p>
10/9/18 	Creativity	<p>This second week is textiles week where the children will learn skills with a variety of textiles and create their own money purses or pencil cases using felt and buttons. They will also experiment with other techniques and new skills linked to textiles, such as weaving, stitching and sewing.</p>
17/9/18 	School Rules	<p>This week the children will begin their 'living things' science unit and begin to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways according to their characteristics. They will begin to use classification keys to recognise how to group creatures. In English we study narrative using the book 'Gregory Coot' by Caroline Binch.</p> <p>Maths focus: place value</p> <p>PSHE focus: balanced lifestyles</p>
24/9/18 	Truthfulness	<p>Continuing their science learning, the children will continue to learn about how to group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. In addition, they will recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. In English the children will create their own narrative based upon 'Gregory Coot' by Caroline Binch.</p> <p>Maths focus: Addition and subtraction</p> <p>PSHE focus: healthy lifestyles</p>
1/10/18 	Friendship	<p>Beginning their geography learning this week, the children will begin to think about why people live in megacities. Firstly, the children will learn what megacities are and where are they located, using maps and atlases. Next, they will look at Baghdad as a case study and research: Why did Baghdad become the first city in the world with one million people?</p> <p>Their new English text for the remainder of the term is 'A Walk in London' by Salvatore Rubbino.</p> <p>PSHE focus: goals and aspirations</p>

<p>8/10/18</p> 	<p>Friendship</p>	<p>Continuing their geography learning linked to megacities, the children will look at the following research areas: why Milton Keynes is the United Kingdom's fastest-growing city; why Brasilia is the fastest-growing city in Brazil; and how the advantages of living in cities compare with the disadvantages.</p> <p>Maths focus: Geometry and data handling</p> <p>PSHE focus: managing feelings and emotions</p>
<p>15/10/18</p> 	<p>Sense of Self</p>	<p>During this final week of our first term, the children will look at symbols and religious expression. They will learn how people express beliefs using signs and symbols; how universal symbols are used in religion; and why art is important for some religions. They immerse and explore these areas and express their ideas in a variety of different ways. In English this week, the children will create their own non-fiction text based upon their learning linked to 'A Walk in London' by Salvatore Rubbino.</p> <p>PSHE focus: change (transition, loss, divorce, bereavement and separation). Please contact us if there are any sensitive issues we need to be aware of.</p>

Year four Home Learning - Please present neatly with joined handwriting.

Subject	Goes out	Due in	Frequency
English	Friday	Wednesday	Weekly
Maths	Friday	Wednesday	Fortnightly
Spellings	Friday	Wednesday	Fortnightly
Times tables	Friday	Wednesday	Weekly
Reading	Please ensure your child reads daily and updates their reading record with their page number.		

Reminders	
<p>Reading for Pleasure </p>	<p>The children will enjoy a class story read by the class teacher in school.</p>
<p>Lunch </p>	<p>Please see the school website for the menu. You can send a packed lunch if you prefer (please see the packed lunch policy on the school website). Cost £2.30. Please pay using Eduspot.co.uk.</p>
<p>Uniform </p>	<p>Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name. School shoes should be plain black. Long hair should be tied back, using small white, black or blue bands.</p>
<p>PE kit </p>	<p>T-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms, trainers and socks needed.</p>
<p>Drinks </p>	<p>We recommend that your child brings a named bottle of water to school every day.</p>
<p>Each morning, a member of staff will greet your child at the door. Please pass on any messages to them, or write us a note. We will supervise the collection of your children each afternoon. If you need to arrange for another person to collect your child, or are happy for them to walk home themselves, please let us know in advance or telephone the school on 01395 275968.</p>	

Here are some dates for your calendar:

- 2- Oct 4-Oct - Parents Evenings
- 12- Oct - 4A Class assembly
- 19- Oct - Non pupil day

Teaching assistants:

The teaching assistant working with Year 4 is Mrs Iddon

Yours sincerely,
Mr. Arkle and Miss Panayi