



Year 4 Autumn 2018 Curriculum Newsletter

From the Year 4 Teachers

Dear mums, dads and carers

In this *Curriculum Newsletter*, you can find out what your children will be learning this term, between now and the Christmas break.

This term the children have lots to look forward to. They will be learning about Luton's hat industry in the nineteenth century and writing about the conditions in which children worked. In Science, we will be learning about classifying animals and how sound travels. In Maths, we will cover a range of topics, including place value and using written methods for addition and subtraction.

We are encouraging the children to show how they apply our school values by teaching the children what each value is and how this can be incorporated into their daily lives.

If you would like further information about your child's curriculum and learning for this term then please get in touch with us and we will be glad to help,

Mr Robinson (4 Orion teacher) and **Miss Sadaq** (4 Aquila teacher and Year 4 Leader)

Some key dates for this term are:

Monday 1 October	Donations for Harvest Festival to be sent into school for Wednesday's assembly
Weds 3 October	Harvest Festival
Thursday 18 October	School photographs (individual and siblings) – full uniform required
Friday 19 October	Years 3-5 flu spray vaccinations
Monday 22 to Friday 26 October	Half Term
Week of Mon 29 October	RE week
Friday 16 November	Years 3-5 will be reports sent home
Friday 16 November	Children in need (non-uniform day for donation of £1.00)
Tuesday 20 th November	Hat making morning
Weds 28 November	Parents consultation evening (3:45pm – 5:15pm & 5:45pm – 7:30pm)
Monday 3 December	Christmas postbox in Reception – please put full name & class on envelopes
Thursday 6 December	Year 4 Ukulele performance 2:15pm
Wednesday 12 December	Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation for Save the Children)
Friday 21 December	Last day of term



Core Subjects

English and Literacy



We are currently exploring stories set in imaginary worlds and then we will move on to writing our own information texts linked to our science work. After half term, we shall focus on persuasive writing techniques and work based on Jonathan Swift's Gulliver. We shall be continuing to improve our grammatical knowledge and reading comprehension skills.

Reading

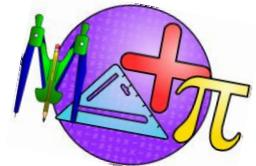
Please ensure that your child reads to an adult at least three times a week (more is better) and that this is recorded in the home/school book.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Children will be given a list of spellings each week to learn at home, these will be based on the rules children are required to learn in Year 4. Children will then be tested each week on Monday.

Maths and Numeracy

We shall be developing the children's ability to use written method to add and subtract, recognise the value of numbers and apply their learning using their reasoning skills.



Science

We shall be learning about different living things and their habitats and about sound. We are also going to be developing our understanding of different types of scientific enquiry.

Foundation Subjects

Topic (History and Geography)

Our topic this term is Luton. We shall be exploring some exciting aspects of the physical and human geography of this diverse and interesting town.

Art and Design Technology

We shall be exploring people in action and sculpturing our very own figures and we will be designing and making our own hats.

Computing

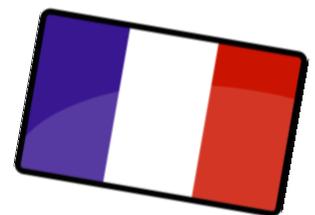
We shall make our own games using the programme Scratch and creating digital adverts.

French

We shall be learning greetings, colours and names of different pets.

Music

The children will learn to play the ukulele, and will prepare for their ukulele music concert later in the year.



Physical Education and Sport

Swimming will continue this term, and the children will also be improving their tag rugby and karate skills.

Religious Education

This term the focus will be what life is like for a Jewish person.



Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

We will be focussing on how to be fabulous in Year 4 and what makes up a healthy relationship. Children will also be learning about a range of Growth Mindset strategies.

Homework

Alternate Maths and English tasks will be set each Wednesday and should be returned by the following Monday. Please remind your child to learn spellings, practise times tables and read a school book, each 3 times a week.