

A Guide to Year 4

Homework

Written homework will be limited to once a week initially and will be given on a Friday and must be handed in by the following Thursday. It is vital it is returned on time as we use it to support learning in class that day. Homework will vary between English and Maths. The children will be able to choose a reading book and the accompanying reading record should be brought in every Tuesday so that reading at home can be monitored. Please encourage reading for enjoyment as regularly as possible.

PE kits need to be in school every **Tuesday**. PE is outdoor this half term, please ensure your child has the correct outdoor PE kit. As PE will be 2—3pm the children will be allowed to go home in their PE kit if you wish.

Spellings

The children will be tested weekly on their spellings and times tables every **Tuesday**. Please encourage your children to practise their spellings and times tables. The children have been given their spelling list for this half term today. If at any point you need a new sheet please just let me know.

Your child should have a water bottle in school **everyday**. School can be very warm and all children should be able to have a drink when needed.

Finally, we would like to take the time to thank you all for the well wishes, cards and gifts that the year 4 staff received before Christmas. They were very much appreciated.

Miss Fahy and Mrs Casey.

Year 4 Spring Term 1 Newsletter



Welcome back,

We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and enjoyed the Christmas period. We wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that 2019 will be a happy and healthy year for all.

This newsletter aims to keep you up to date with the weekly routines in Year 4 and also inform you of what the children will be learning this half term. Please check the newsletter carefully for changes to PE days.

Please continue to check Class Dojo for updates throughout the half term. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns. I hope the children continue to enjoy their time in Year 4.

Many Thanks, Miss Fahy and Mrs Casey.

Spring Term 1—Curriculum Map

English

During this half term we will be focusing on recounts. The children will be looking at a variety of recounts and how to write them.

There will be a much bigger focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar this term. Guided reading will also have a bigger focus where children will be accessing a variety of texts. Reading homework will be linked to what we are learning in class.

Maths

The focus this half term will be on multiplication and division. Times tables will continue to be a focus, the children should be practising their times tables every week. The children have times table charts in school and we will have a times tables test every Tuesday. Please encourage your child to learn their times tables. A few times table questions each day, to work out as quickly as they can, will help to improve the speed of their recall. All children nationally are expected to know all the times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4.

Science

The topic the children will focus on this half term is Habitats. The children will be building on their knowledge of animals from last half term and learning about what types of environments certain animals like to live in and why. This will be taught by Mrs Hughes.

RE

This half term our topic will be Jesus, the Teacher. The children will learn about significant moments in Jesus' childhood and how these enabled Jesus to teach and spread the good news.

Art

This half term we will be focusing on DT.

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This half term we will be focusing on designing and making our own Anglo—Saxon broaches.

Computing

The children will develop their programming skills using the application 'turtle logo'.

PE

This term PE will be taught by Mrs Lee. Please see overleaf for days and kit requirements.

History

Anglo Saxons will be our topic this half term. We will learn about why the Anglo—Saxons invaded Britain

Geography

This half term our focus will be on History.

Music

This half term the children will focus on the topic 'Environment'. The children will be using their composition skills to create pieces of music. This will be taught by Mrs Hughes.

MFL

The children will have the opportunity to learn some Spanish this year. We will focus on a variety of topics including numbers, days of the week and months of the year.