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Year 4 Curriculum Letter - Term 3 2019

Welcome back to Year 4! Firstly, we would like to thank you for your support last term. We had lots of fun learning about the Ancient Egyptians and loved the children's enthusiasm for the topic! We were especially impressed with all the hard work put into topic homeworks. We are looking forward to yet another very busy but fun term. To help you support your child with their learning in Term 3, we have outlined the basic areas of study. We hope this information will give you an insight into your child's education.

Curriculum

Our topic for Term 3 is 'Sticks and Stones' which is a Science based topic on understanding the human skeletal structure. Our Literacy and DT will be linked to the Science curriculum.

Maths	Written methods for multiplication and division. It is important for your child to keep practising their times tables (especially 6s, 7s and 9s) at home as this has big impact on their learning, especially during learning about formal methods for multiplication and when we move onto fractions.
Literacy	Explanation texts about the human skeleton. We will be looking at subordinating and coordinating conjunctions to use in our writing, as well as building on last term's work on fronted adverbials.
SPAG	In spelling, we will continue to look at rules for possessive apostrophes, and look at homophones.
Science	Our Science topic this term will be based on human and animal skeletons, how muscles work, and looking at nutrition.
ICT	Software design
Art/Design & Technology	Create a 'pop-up' book
Music	Singing popular music
PE	Badminton & Rugby/fitness
PSHCE	Personal Power and Self-Esteem
French	Months of the year and numbers to 31
RE	Islamic religious festivals

Daily Organisation: Children are required to be in school by 8.40 a.m. We encourage the children to line up when they arrive at school in the morning so that we can welcome them in when we come out.

PE: Correctly named PE kit should be kept in school **all week**. PE kits should come to school on a Monday morning and go home on a Friday afternoon. A reminder that PE kits should consist of: navy blue shorts, jogging bottoms, a plain white T-Shirt (or house coloured t-shirt with the LPPS logo) and trainers. Children will need outdoor trainers as well as suitable shoes for inside activities. Please remember long hair needs to be tied back and earrings should be removed or covered with tape which will need to be provided. Our P.E days are **Wednesday** and **Thursday**.

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Medication: Please ensure that your child's teacher is made aware if your child needs an inhaler (or any other agreed medication) and that it is labelled, in date and kept in school at all times.

Homework

Every **Monday** your child will be given a piece of maths homework, which will be due in on the following **Monday**. Maths homework will usually be a sheet of questions to support work covered in class to aid your child's understanding of fluency & number sense. It is important for your child to keep practising their times tables at home using Times Tables Rockstars. This has already proved to have a significant impact on their learning during the last academic year. Our subscription to 'My Maths' has ended so your child will not be able to access this going forwards.

Every Wednesday your child will be taught a new spelling rule and then given a list of words to practise this spelling rule at home. Children will then be tested on this spelling rule on the following Wednesday. If you have any questions regarding this please let us know.

There is also an expectation that every child will read at home and record their reading. Reading is the main way to help your child be successful in their learning.

There is a homework menu for Term 3. We would like to encourage all children to complete at least one of the tasks. We were very impressed with the number of stars we awarded in Term 2 for such excellent effort with homework. Keep up the good work! These activities can be handed in at any point during the term.

Two Minute Talks

A revised rota for 2 minute talks is displayed in the creative area window. For Term 3, we would like to encourage the children to share a piece of factual information from an explanation text that has interested them. We would like your child to read the fact and explain what it is about it that caught their interest. E.g. your child might like to share information about sharks or spaceships. These talks are aimed at developing confident speakers and create reasoned discussion.

Important Dates

Wednesday 16 January	Robin Hood Pantomime
Thursday 24 January	Cake Crumbly - any cake donations would be greatly appreciated!
Tuesday 12 February	Open Classroom @ 2:40 pm Parents' evening 5pm-8pm
Wednesday 13 February	International Day at DGS
Wednesday 13 February	Parents' evening 3pm-6pm

If you have any problems, questions or concerns do feel free to discuss them with us.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Claire Shorrock, Cress Lai & Lynn Naivar
Year 4 Class teachers

