



## Parent/School Termly Information

Class: Amethyst H & L    Term: Term 3

*Our topic this term is: Why is water so important?*

*The main subject focus is: English, Geography & Science*

### General Information

#### P.E Days and times

Please note that all pupils should not be wearing earrings or studs for P.E. We advise that children do not wear their earrings to school on PE days unless they can remove them themselves. Children must have school P.E. kit including appropriate footwear (preferably trainers due to the outdoor surfaces) in order to participate in P.E. activities. PE lessons will be taking place on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon for Amethyst L. PE lessons will take place on a Monday afternoon for Amethyst H and Thursday afternoons they will be swimming.

#### Water Bottles & Fruit Snack

Children may bring a fruit snack for break time and a bottle of water that they can use throughout the day. (Children may bring a drink of squash for their packed lunch box but must drink water in the classroom.)

#### Educational Visits

None scheduled.

#### Homework

Daily Reading: Children are expected to read independently at home daily and with parents/carers five times a week. When reading to an adult the story and characters should be talked about and new words discussed. Parents should sign their reading record book as evidence of the shared reading experience and these are to be handed in and checked. Children will have the opportunity to win a book each week in celebration assembly for either reading 5 times at home or for speaking passionately about a book they are reading.

Times Tables Practise: Every week the children are expected to spend time at home learning times tables and corresponding division facts, appropriate to their learning level. Children will be doing 3 Times Tables Rockstars worksheets throughout the week and their scores will be uploaded to the online site. All

children have logins for TT Rockstars and are encouraged to use this at home for extra practise.

Spellings: Children will be given a list of 10 words to learn each week and spelling tests will take place on a Monday for Amethyst H and a Friday for Amethyst L. The children will have been introduced to 'Spelling Shed' which have games for them to help practise their spellings – this will have to be accessed through an internet browser because the app is not free.

In addition to these ongoing tasks, weekly homework activities will be set each Friday and are due in the following Thursday. These will be focused around the children's learning in English and Maths. One homework in the term will be linked to their topic subject; this will give the children an opportunity to be creative.

## Curriculum Targets

Children will continue to have personalised targets to support them in their learning and each one is unique to them.

English: Children to use their Year 4 target sheets to support working towards their writing targets.

Maths: Children will continue to develop their mental maths strategies through their work and for Early Work activities. Children will be doing 3 Times Tables Rockstars worksheets throughout the week and their scores will be uploaded to the online site. All children have logins for TT Rockstars and are encouraged to use this at home for extra practise.

## Curriculum Subjects

### Main areas to be covered

#### English

This unit will be based around *Noah Barleywater Runs Away* which is about a boy who runs away from home deep into a forest. Here, he discovers a small toy shop, owned by an old man who has a host of stories to tell which help Noah cope with an impending tragedy in his home life, and return to face it. We will read and discuss this text, exploring the themes of courage and loyalty; appreciating how a character changes through the course of a story; progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and assessing the effectiveness of our own and others' writing and suggesting improvements.

## Mathematics

We will be following the 'Maths! No Problem' scheme of work throughout Year 4 – the aim is broaden their knowledge and secure it by teaching and learning particular topics of maths in detail and depth. This will ensure that the children have a secure understanding of the topic and feel confident before moving on to something new.

## Learning and Life Skills

This term we are focusing on the whole school theme '**Dreams and Goals**'. This unit is one of a series designed to support pupils developing Life and Learning Skills - these are skills that are fundamental to learning and performance in education, work and life. The objective of the learning unit is to build the children's awareness of their own unique skills and attributes and what they can bring to the school community.

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Science – This unit will build on the children's knowledge of electricity. They will learn how to build circuits and experiment with different materials to find out which are conductors of electricity.

PE – PE this term will cover Gymnastics and continue to develop their basketball skills. In basketball, children will learn a range of passing techniques as well as how to work as a team.

RE – This term we will focus on the next of our values – Hope. Children will also have a block of RE learning at the end of term, focussing on connections of Bible texts and how Christians put their beliefs into practice.

## Other Notes

Please could you continue to check your child's book bag every day for letters and remind them to pass on completed replies to us in the morning.

Parent Helpers -Please come and talk to us if you would like to become a parent reader. In order to come in and help you need to be DBS checked (police checked) and this can take quite a while. If you would like to help please talk to one of us and get a DBS form from the office. Thank you.

PE lessons – if your child is unable to take part in PE due to injury or illness please could you write a brief note explaining the circumstances.

If you have any concerns or would like some advice on how to support your child with their homework our door is always open, and we shall endeavour to address your concerns or queries by the end of a day. Please do not leave any issues you have un-heard, share them, and in particular do not leave them to fester over a weekend!

### Key Dates-

Internet safety day: 5<sup>th</sup> February

Swimming lessons:

Amethyst H – Every Thursday afternoons starting 10<sup>th</sup> January – 14<sup>th</sup> February

*Class teachers:* Miss Harris & Mr Loveland

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