



# Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

## Autumn term 2017



Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your break. Below is a selection of the areas that your child will be studying over the next term.

### **English**

This term we will be looking at discussion texts. We will produce a discussion text on a controversial topic. In the second half of the term, we will be looking at non-chronological reports and then will produce a non-chronological report on animals.

### **Science**

Our first topic this term is 'Human Impact', we will discover that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. Following on from this, we will be studying 'Where does all the food go?' Various investigations will be carried out throughout the term.

### **Geography**

In the first half of the autumn term, we will be exploring the similarities and differences between Spain and the UK. We will explore a range of geographical features, such as festivals, the economy, trade, locations and the climate of these countries.

### **PSHCE**

PSHCE is taught through daily reflections, assemblies and PSHCE days. This term themes, such as risks of choices, feelings and moods will be explored.

### **In Year 4 we expect children to:**

- Read every day for 20 minutes at least and ensure an adult signs their reading record everyday.
- Practise their maths passport targets regularly.
- Complete their homework on time (if provided)
- Practise their handwriting, spellings every week.
- Take responsibility for their learning.
- Take care of all equipment sent home, including reading books.
- Follow school rules at all times.

### **Maths**

This term we will continue to develop our mental maths skills using our Maths Passports. Children must learn all the times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of this year. Please start working on these at home. Main foci of this term are: place value, decimals, written addition/subtraction & time.

### **History**

After half term, we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons. Our historical analysis skills will be developed by gathering content, processing information then communicating and presenting this in a variety of ways. We will use our understanding of the Anglo Saxons to produce various genres of writing.

### **Computing**

This half term we will be looking at the patterns and comics. This topic will allow the children to develop their programming knowledge and create a comic strip linked to the Vikings. We will also be reviewing Online-Safety, ensuring all children understand how to stay safe when using the internet.

### **RE**

Initially, we will be looking at Hinduism, focussing on the beliefs and worship of this religion. In the second half of the term, our topic is Judaism. In every RE lesson there will always be a grammar focus.

### **REMINDER**

**Homework** is sent home on Tuesdays and must be returned on or before the following Monday (if provided). Encourage your children to use the 'read, say, write, check' method when supporting your child to learn their spellings.

Full **PE kit** should be brought into school on a **Monday** and left in all week. Children should take it home on **Friday** to be washed.

Please come and speak to any member of the Year 4 team if you have any questions.