

Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year 4

Autumn 1st Half Term: September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We hope that you had a wonderful summer holiday and that your children are refreshed and ready for the new academic year.

Our **Science** topic this term is the digestive system. We will learn some of the parts of the digestive system and their function. We will also learn about the different types of teeth and how we can look after them. This topic also includes learning about food chains. In **History** we will be learning about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age.

In **English**, we will start by reading 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura and will use this to explore characters, setting, and viewpoints. The children will develop their diary writing, narrative and descriptive writing skills during this unit. There will continue to be a focus on learning grammar and punctuation skills, including expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and the correct use of inverted commas for direct speech. This term, spellings will focus on topic vocabulary, homophones and words from the Year 3 / 4 spelling list. In addition, we will continue daily reading, comprehension activities and handwriting practice.

During **Maths** sessions, we will be learning about place value, addition and subtraction, fractions, decimals and measures. Times tables will continue to be a very important part of your child's learning.

In **RE**, we will be focussing on what Christians believe God is like. We will read some parables and think about what they mean for Christians. We will also explore the different ways Christians put their beliefs into practice.

Computing will involve discussions and activities based around E-Safety and we will also learn skills linked to other subject areas, such as presentations.

Our **PE** sessions will take place on Mondays and Thursdays and will continue to be led by our professional sports coach. Please ensure children have their full PE kits (all named please) in school every day. This term we will be playing netball.

Exciting News!

As you are already aware, Year 4 are off to Lincolnsfields for their first residential school journey (more information will follow).

Home learning for this term is as follows:

-Home learning folders will be sent home on Friday and are to be handed in on the following Tuesday. Please ensure children complete all home learning. Weekly homework will include a Maths activity, an English or Topic activity and some spellings. A spelling test will take place on a Monday.

-Children should continue to read on a daily basis at home; it is extremely valuable for children to read a range of texts with parents and carers, sharing and discussing thoughts and ideas.

-Encouraging your child to practise their times tables on a regular basis will help many areas of their mathematical learning. Practical activities, such as counting out money at the shops, reading train/bus timetables, telling the time and measuring ingredients when cooking will also help your child develop mathematical skills.

**If you have any questions, concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Year 4 team.
Many thanks for your support.**

Class teachers: Mrs Sarah Prados and Mrs Julia Oliver Date: September 2018