

Year 4 Curriculum Letter -Autumn 1 2022/23

Welcome back!

We hope that you had a wonderful summer and are feeling as excited as we are for the upcoming academic year. This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

The Year 4 team

Galaxy Class- Mrs. Cormier and Mrs. Moshkura
Supernova Class- Miss Barnett and Miss Kelly

Topic

Our topic this half term will be 'Explorers'. We will research and learn about famous explorers throughout history and look at maps and navigation in Geography.

English

We have started this half term by looking at the book 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill, which ties into our Topic on 'Explorers'. We will be using this book to help develop children's writing skills by exploring interviews, lists, justifications, letters, diaries and newspaper reports.

We will be reading 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis in our whole class reading lessons.

Maths

Our first focus of the year will be on number and place value. This will include recapping and developing children's partitioning and calculation skills, leading onto addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practice their maths facts and times tables! Year 4 children will take part in the Multiplication Tables Check at the end of the year so we will be practising every day. Weekly homework will be set on Mathletics to support in this.

Science

Our first topic is '**Living Things and their Habitats**'. In this topic we will learn to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways, we will explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment and we will recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

Music

This year, the children will be having the wonderful experience of learning to drum.

Art/DT

We will be creating Arctic art linked to 'Shackleton's Journey'.

PE

Our lessons will take place on Monday (Galaxy class)/Tuesday (Supernova class). Please make sure PE kits are in school. Year 4 will be starting Swimming lessons at Darwin Court in a few weeks. More information will be sent separately.

PSHE

Our first PSHE topic this year is 'Being Me in My World: Who am I and how do I fit?'

Spanish

In Spanish this half term we will be learning about food.

RE

Our RE topic this half term will explore the question 'What religions and world views are represented in my neighbourhood?' We will be taking advantage of our amazingly diverse area!

Rough daily timetable:

9:00-10:00 Maths
10:00-10:40 Reading
BREAK
11:00-11:30 Grammar/Handwriting
11:30-12:30 English
LUNCH
1:30-2:30
Topic/Science/Computing/Music/RE/Art
/PSHE
2:30-3:30 Topic/Science/Computing/
Music/RE/Art/PSHE

Dates for the diary:

- WB 19 September: Recycle Week
- October: Black History Month
- 3 October: Parent Coffee Morning
- WB 3 October: World Space Week
- 6 October: National Poetry Day
- 19 and 20 October: Parent evening
- 24th-28th October - **Half term**
- **PE days:** Galaxy: Monday/ Supernova: Tuesday /Swimming-Thursday (TBC)