

Year 4 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 2023

Welcome back!

We hope that you had a wonderful Summer with your child. We are excited to welcome your child into Year 4 and the new learning that they will acquire. 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

Supernova class - Miss Rosie Hall, Miss Khaleda Ahmed, Miss Heather Simpson-Lewis and Miss Bernice Addae
Galaxy Class - Ms Amina Rahman, Miss Khaleda Ahmed, Heather Simpson-Lewis and Miss Daniella Wellington Pearson

Topic (History/ Geography)

Our new topic will be focusing on investigating the question 'What does it mean to be British?' The children will be identifying the capital cities of the UK, countries and the surrounding seas; county boundaries and regions (e.g. West Midlands) within the U.K. They will be describing the human and physical features of the different regions; make comparisons between Birmingham and Blackpool; research about how the city of Sheffield changed following the industrial revolution and identify what they think it means to be British.

English

This term in English we will begin by focusing on the story 'Weslandia'. The children will be focusing on developing their use of descriptive vocabulary by creating character descriptions; create a non-chronological report, book review and retell the story. To support children in their developing literacy skills we will continue to focus on daily comprehension, reading and spelling activities. We are also continuing regular handwriting to encourage pride in presentation.

Maths

Our first focus of the year will be on number and place value and addition/subtraction. This will include recapping and developing children's partitioning and calculation skills and developing an understanding of the value of numbers to 4 digits (1000) and beyond. Children will learn and develop new addition and subtraction strategies. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practice their maths facts and times tables! We will send out times table rockstars passwords in due course.

Science

Our first topic is States of Matter. We will be looking at the identifying different types of liquids, the difference between these and how they can change from one state to another (e.g. water changing into water vapour when a kettle is boiled).

Music

This year the children will be having the wonderful experience of learning the recorder. A letter detailing this further will be sent at a later date. Until these lessons begin we will have weekly music lessons which support our topic.

Reading

The children will continue to develop key skills such as predicting, making inferences, summarising and clarifying through the use of key texts – our first one being 'Humans' which focuses on ancient civilisations. **Please remember to hear your child read regularly and to sign their reading record.**

PE

Our lessons will take place on Monday and Thursday. Please make sure PE kits are worn on these days. Our first PE focus will be team games (focusing on dribbling and passing a ball). We will begin swimming lessons in due course – further details to be sent out.

PSHE

The children will focus on the question 'What it is like to be me in my world?' They will discuss what the rights, responsibilities and what it means to be a school citizen.

RE

Our focus this term is Hinduism and learning how Hindus worship.

Rough daily timetable:

9:00-9:30 Reading

9:30-10:40 English

BREAK

11:00-12:15 Maths

12:15-12:30 Assembly/Handwriting

LUNCH

1:30-2:30

Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE

2:30-3:20

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Dates for the diary:

5/10/23 - ASD Parents' coffee morning

7/10/23 - Reading Parents' coffee morning

20/10/23 Parents' evenings/Children's Art Exhibition

* End of Autumn 1 Term - Topic homework due

23rd - 27th October - **Half term**

PE days:

Supernova: Monday

Galaxy: Monday

Swimming: Thursdays for both classes