

# Year 4 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 2023

## Welcome back!

We are excited for the term's forthcoming events and the new learning that the children 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 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 the Kingdom of Benin. The children will be learning about what Africa was like, the Benin Bronzes, sequencing events on a timeline and justifying their opinions.

### English

This term in English we will begin by focusing on the story 'Ever changing earth'. The children will be focusing on researching and creating their own non-chronological report on the Northern lights and writing poetry. Later in the term they will focus on the polar explorer Ernest Shackleton and will read 'Shackleton's Journey. They will create packing lists, letters (formal and informal), setting descriptions, interviews, diaries and a newspaper report.

### Maths

Our first focus of the year will be on addition/subtraction and multiplication/division. This will include developing strategies for solving column addition and subtraction; consolidating their times table knowledge and learning further times tables; solving multiplication and division problems. They will develop their reasoning skills by solving word problems. **Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practice their maths facts and times tables as well as completing Mathletics tasks set.**

### Science

Our first topic is Sound. The children will be investigating how sound travels, the pitch and volume created by different objects, learning about different musical instruments and creating their own paper cup telephones.

### 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 such as 'The Undefeated' and 'Poems from a Green and Blue Planet'. **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 gymnastics and using the equipment safely. Swimming will continue to take place on Thursday afternoons. **Please ensure your child has a swimming hat as the swimming pool will only allow children to enter the pool if they are wearing a hat.**

### PSHE

The children will focus on the question 'Celebrating differences' They will discuss making assumptions based on what people look like, bullying and developing problem solving strategies.

### RE

Our focus this term is Christians and learning how Christians worship.

### Spanish

The children will focus on learning greetings, numbers to 20, family members and colours.

### **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:**

13/11/23 - Anti-bullying week/wear odd socks day

17/11/23 - Maths coffee afternoon with Mr Graham

8/12/23 - Winter Fair after school

12/12/23 - Christmas Carol concert

\* End of Autumn 2 Term - Topic homework due

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 -Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**- Christmas holidays**

**PE days:**

Supernova: Monday

Galaxy: Monday

Swimming: Thursdays for both classes